There is always hope for the individual who trys to improve himself, as there is for a people who are pushing and looking forward, be their stride ever so slow. Cultivate the desire to improve, the act will surely come. The Negro's future is assured. Fear not!

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REV. WM. COOK. B. D.,

PASTOR OF BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH, PHILADELPHIA, PA. A BRILLIANT

CAREER—MANY PASTORATES BLESSED SPIRITUALLY AND TEMPORALLY THROUGH HIS EFFORTS.

THE Rev. Wm. Cook, B. D., was born in Warrenton, N. C. At the age of 17 years he experienced a hope in Christ, and joined Oak Chapel A. M. E. church and soon after received local preacher's orders in the same. During the interim of the North Carolina conference, he was given work by the presiding elder, at Piney Grove circuit, which at that time comprised three churches nearly twenty-five miles apart. So faithfully did he serve this charge that he was recommended to he conference, and joined it at its next regular tsession, and was re-appointed to Pine Grove. The first three years of his ministry was spent at this circuit, sometimes walking sixteen or seventeen miles on Saturday to preach on the Sabbath. In the second year on the work he built his first church, a large wooden structure, which, at that time, was the pride of the "country round about." Nor did he neglect his intellectual training, but every Monday morning would find him in Raleigh pursuing his studies At the close of his three year's pastorate at Pine Grove, he was appointed to Fayetteville, N. C. But being desirous of more fully preparing himself for the christian ministry, he served this charge only five months and entered Howard University, under a scholarship of the late Wm. E. Dodge. While at Howard he accepted work in the Baltimore conference, and organized the second A. M. E. church in Georgetown, D. C., and served it as pastor. In 1882 he graduated from Howard with honor and was again appointed to Fayetteville, N. C., pending the annual session of the North Carolina conference. He purchased the site of the present church, and had laid plans for the erection of a new church, but much to the regret of the Fayetteville church who earnestly desired his return, he was appointed to Durham, N. C At Durham he found unfinished a beautiful frame church, which had been begun by his predecessor. With his usual zeal he entered upon the work. Finished the church, hung a fine bell in the belfry, and during the three years of pastoral work, raised Durham from a second grade appointment to one of the first in the conference. His next appointment was Kinston, N. C. He found the people here very much discouraged. A cyclone had raised their church and after many unsuccessful attempts at re-building, they had lost courage. Difficulties and obstacles confronted him on all sides, but he surmounted them all and had erected the frame of a new church, suddenly and with short notice, Bishop Turner telegraphed him to meet the Virginia conference then in session at Richmond, Va., and much to Rev. Cook's surprise appointed him to Norfolk, Va, with the injunction "Go build a church." The Norfolk church was a large, old fashioned brick square building, which had been condemned, but was still being used for service. The membership of more than eleven hundred was disunited and disorganized. To harmonize the membership and to erect a new church was the work that duty pointed out to him. The new church had been talked of so long, that faith had grown weak, and sight was the only thing that would satisfy. A careful examination of the treasury revealed less than $3,000 in bank. To start to build a $36,000 church with less than $3,000, seemed almost foolhardy. However, Rev. Cook carefully laid his plans and went to work. He erected a large wooden temporary building into which he moved his congregation, and the old church was soon being torn down, amid the tears and moans of the old and aged members who had become endeared to its very walls. After eighteen months of hard toil, disappointments, cares, anxieties and the many other incidentals of church building, he took his flock back with one hundred and fifty more than he took out, into their magnificent new church, amid much rejoicing. During the erection of the new church, when the matter of a loan was being considered, it was found that the property was not properly deeded to the A. M. E. church. Fearing the effect of this fact would have among his people if made public, he and his officers suspended work at once, and after six weeks of secret, but earnest litigation, secured to the A. M. E. church more than $40,000 worth of property. His financial ability was severely tested at this charge and found equal to the test. He raised $35,000 for all purposes during his pastorate, and paid $18,500 on the church debt. His pastorate was most successful, although engaged almost exclusively in financial matters, he added four hundred souls to the church. During his first year at Norfolk, he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Wolfe, principal of the musical department and teacher of English literature in Allen University, who has proven a valuable help to him in all his efforts for the good of humanity. At the urgent request of Bishop Turner, Rev. Cook was transferred by Bishop Campbell to the Philadelphia conference and stationed at Wilmington, Del. At this charge he repaired the church at a cost of more than $1,000 and purchased a very roomy, substantial parsonage and added many souls to the church. He served this congregation two years and was very desirous of retaining him for the third year, but Bishop Turner deemed it wise to appoint him to Bethel church, Philadelphia, the mother church of the great A. M. E. connection. He entered upon his work last June and has surpassed all expectation as to his success. In October at his Fall rally, he raised in hard cash $3,000, and on Endowment day led his entire connection by raising $188 for Wilberforce. He is now in the midst of a great revival, and sinners are being brought back to God. Rev. Cook is a hard, untiring worker, always finding something to do and always doing something. He is an eloquent preacher, and a kind, affectionate pastor. His life stands out as a beacon light of possibilities to our young men. Born in obscurity, he has worked his way by untiring zeal, perseverance and strong moral force, from the lowest rank in the A. M. E. church to the pastorate of the mother church of the great A. M. E. connection.

REV. W. D. COOK, B. D.,
Pastor Bethel A. M. E. Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN—I have read and examined The Freeman of the 24th ult. and beg to pronounce, not only the typographical but the illustrated portions, in all respects, admirable; and I offer you my sincere earnest congratulations upon this exhibition of enterprise and talent. Your paper deserves general patronage. The master pens of our people should be employed upon it; and the learned articles which it ought to contain should be read in every one of our households, while its artistic displays should be made familiar to, as they should interest our youth. I thank you for doing so well in the publication on my "Neglected Chapter," which has brought me the thanks of several of our more thoughtful, considerate friends. Among others, these words from our true friend and brother. Bishop H M. Turner:

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 25, 1892.

Dear Sir:—I thank you for that "Neglected Chapter" article which appears in the last issue of The Freeman. All of our young graduates writers and orators are eternally referring to some white donkey for evidences of merit and worth, but they seldom see anything in the past men of their own race; such as Delaney. Garnet, Pennington, Dunn, etc. It is time for colored men to see a little merit in their own ranks. I wish you would follow up that same line until a change is made.

Fraternally, H. M. TURNER.

I deeply feel the importance of this subject, if our fathers are to bequeath names and influence to their sons, and our mothers and sisters control and direct through act and counsel our daughters. I am gratefully and sincerely yours,

JOHN M. LANGSTON.
Hillside Cottage, Washington, D. C.

St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Renolds gave a reception last Friday evening, in honor of Miss Shelton, of Dixon, Ill., who is now visiting here Mrs. Baird, of Chicago, is visiting Miss E. V. Mordicai. She will spend several days in the city. Mrs. Annie M. Clemens, who has been traveling with P. T Wright's Nashville Students University Concert company, is visiting relatives in this city. She was visited at her old home by the following members of the company: Miss Ida Lee, Mrs Tinie McCraven and Messrs Jas. White and J. W. Lee. She will join the company next week. Mrs. Haydee Campbell won first prize in the Republic's World's Fair contest. Miss Estella Hickman won second. Mrs E. Dyson and Daughter, Miss Augusta, have moved into their new home, which Mrs. E. Dyson has recently purchased at 4202 Lynch street.

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Accounts of the St Louis Idea' Mandolin and Guitar club, thus far have never given account of its origin, hence I send a short account of the club, which was called together for organization by M. S. Harris June 14, 1891, at 1720 Morgan street. Members present were J O. W. Selectman, A. C. Rivers, W. H. Robinson. T J. Saunders and M S Harris. The object of the club was to advance its members in the art of music. The name of the club also the constitution and by laws were selected and written up by W. S. Harris. Officers were selected as follows: A. C. Rivers, president; W H. Robinson, secretary; T. J. Sounders, treasurer; J. O. W Selectman, musical director, and W. H. Harris, manager. The club consisted at that time of 1st, 2d and 3d mandolin, 1st and 2d guitar. The club at first made great progress, but owing to changes, it is hard to say just what the club is doing. M. S Harris has drawn out of the club and is teaching guitar, banjo and banjorine, with a view of organizing a club of that kind as soon as his class proves proficient. The class is taught directly from the staff, and success is expected. Mr. Harris can be seen at 2703 Russell avenue.

DEAR SIR:—From past dealings with The Freeman, which I regard and cherish as the most pleasant and satisfactory, I feel it my duty to give it my humble support. Your efforts to please its patrons, (and it is a hard job, judging the class you have to contend with) and to publish a paper for the Negro, has already proven itself worthy of the name it bears in every particular. I earnestly hope and trust that your aimed at results may more than reach the expectation of its proprietors, who, through dilligent toil and unflagging industry, have made The Freeman the paper of the Negro, and which is destined to reach the goal of a more exalted niche in Negro journalism. Long live The Freeman!

C. O. M. THOMAS,
Wayman Female Seminary,
Dickson, Tenn.

Austin, Tex.

Hon. W. H. Hallock, of Brazoria, is the only colored representative in the legislature. Members of the Second Baptist church are building a new parsonage. Bishop A. Grant lectured at the A. M. E. church January 10th, to a large audience. Ed. Lamb is very sick. His sister, who has been teaching near San Marcos, was called to his bedside. Messrs. J. H. Burns Lindsey, Rev Hardeman and G. Carpenter have bought lots and built beautiful residences in Georgetown, (East Austin), near Grant's Chapel. Jack Addison is still very sick. Wm. Jesters is reported better.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN—I am just in receipt of a copy of the Christmas number of The Freeman. I can say simply that in my humble opinion the Christmas number of The Freeman is superb. Words are inadequate to express my very high appreciation of the great literary and artistic treat which you have so abundantly served to the reading epicures of the literary world. It would be difficult indeed to surpass such a brilliant concentration of bright ideas and dainty artistical arangement as exhibited in your Christmas number. Long live The Freeman and its noble staff,

To vanquish evil and
Champion right,
And as a guide from
Ignorance to wisdom's light.
Yours very truly,

THOS. H. STEWART,
Pine Bluff, Ark.

SAVED BY LETTERS.

AN ATTEMPT TO VISIT HIS SWEET HEART, BRINGS A GAY MULATTO

FACE TO FACE WITH JUDGE LYNCH—CIRCUMSTANCES NOT UNCOMMON BROUGHT TO LIGHT.

Helena, Ark., Special.

ON the night of the 8th inst., near 1 o'clock, in McNeal, a small town six miles north of Magnolia, Ark., one Alex. Jones, a robust mulatto, was seen in the act of entering the bed room of Miss Lizzie Bradshaw through the window. Miss Bradshaw is a gay and attractive young white girl, who about a year ago, came from the North, where people are not known by their color. Seeing Alexander, she fell desperately in love with him and made every possible way convenient to meet him. Mr. Jones was arrested for going in through the window, and in a few hours a committee of citizens waited upon him. He expected old cruel Judge Lynch, with his midnight raiders, to come and escort him to a tree. He began begging to be permitted to show that his visit to Miss Bradshaw's room was by her consent. A short time was given to prepare his defense. In a few minutes, without any trouble, he produced a large package of love letters, showing Miss Bradshaw's infatuation for him, with several showing appointments that were made by her to meet him at different places. The citizens after questioning Mr. Jones closely about the letters, carried him before his sweet heart, who confessed defiantly that each one was written by her, whereupon, notwithstanding she being a young, gay and attractive miss, was ordered with Mr. Jones to leave that section as quick as possible.

The public building will soon be open for service.

W L. Givens, a prominent grocery clerk here, visited his sister in Marvell.

James Clark, after spending a few days with friends, left for Cincinnati, O.

W. H. Grey, of the Steam and Dye works turns out work equal to that of any.

R. P. Graves has accepted a position as clerk in the new grocery of Ross and Wilson.

Anderson Waits was united in marriage to Mrs. Mary Mekins before Justice A. D. Herron

The Ladies' Industrial club gave a New Year's festival at the A. M. E. church, which was quite a success.

Prof. Inborden, of the Helena Normal school, is interceding in the purchasing of a bell for that school.

H. L. Lee, M. V. P. and Grand Master of the G. U. O. of O. F., was over from Little Rock to meet this lodge.

The White Plume club gave a rare social entertainment at the residence of W. P. Morris which was well attended in spite of the severe cold.

Miss Ella Oliver's uncle, Jack Massie, of the Gordon place in Mississippi, was in the city. He states that his niece will be over in a few days.

It has been said that if the Progress continues with its Uncle Remus column, it will go to naught. The truth will cut like a two-edge sword.

The advertisement for lost relatives in The Freeman, by Mrs Harriet Ware, of this city, caused her to find her brother whom she had not seen nor heard of in many years.

There are some people in Helena, who, if they are not the source or father of every enterprize or plan to elevate the Negro, will leave no stone unturned to defeat that object.

John Williams, who has been suffering quite a while with a chronic disease that made him penniless, died at the poor house. He had friends, but preferred to die. His funeral was

Misses Lula Thomas and Sentha Davis, of Old Town, and Misses Mary E. Kneeland and Rosa Rogers, of Mariana, Ark., are in the city stopping at Esquire A. D. Herron's, while attending the college.

under the management of the missionaries and the Ladies Industrial club, each donating $10 with $10 from the Keesen Bros., undertakers of the city, and $9.85 from the public. He was buried nicely from the A. M. E. church.

Augustus McClenden, a former resident of this city, who has been in Xenia, O., attending Wilberforce University three or four years, is in the city from Terre Haute, where he has been studying stenography and typewriting.

Mrs. J. T. Carter was in the city, the guest of Jeff. Bright and family. After being present at a social tendered her by Mrs. Sam Huggin, she left for Brownville, Tenn, where she will reside a few days with her sister and mother, thence to her home in Port Townsend, Wash.

Uncle Remus has aroused several young men of our city to animosity by reporting their misdemeanors through the Helena Progress Wm. Duncan read an article with "W. D." in it, which he took to be his initial, and went to see the proprietor to make him tell who Uncle Remus is, or become responsible and retract. T. B Littlejohn did neither, but pounced upon him. Esquire A. D. Herron took charge of them and fined them for disturbance in a printing office.

Wm C. Cox, of this city, has a very pressing offer from the A. M. E. Sunday School Union to take charge of their press room. He is well worthy the situation, having had several year's experience handling presses of all makes. He is also a practical printer, and enjoys the distinction of being able to throw type in the case with his left hand and setting with his right. He is sober and industrious and should he accept, will be a credit and honor to the union.

A BRILLIANT SYMPOSIUM.

OF RACE ACHIEVEMENT, NOBLE MEN, CONSECRATED WOMANHOOD. A RECORD OF EDUCATION, WEALTH.

BY CARRIE L. WARREN.

How strange to us the way God chose to make the Negro a race among races It was the year 1619 that fourteen Negroes were brought to America and sold as slaves, a traffic from which "the most momentous consequences ensued,—consequences that long after, rent the Republic with strife and moistened its soil with blood." During this year and long after, thousands were brought over, which are the progenitors of to-day's eight million free Negroes. Let us first look at his dark day and see if he thought of anything save servitude and degradation. Let us see if he was as has been said "an inferior race." Let us see if he ever thought of attaining to higher and nobler things. He came a heathen, destitute of christianity and intellectual ability but not wholly destitute of morality and industry. Many had been trained to truthfulness, honesty and valor in their African homes. Though they were savage, in many respects they possessed qualities which others of the greatest advantages did not cultivate. Livingston justly says: "The African is a man with every attribute of mankind." Even during his period of slavery he proved to the world that he is equal to any man. True he was ignorant, but had he been as many of our white brothers have said, and now say and believe, under false conviction, he would never tried nor striven for enlightenment and freedom amidst difficulty and bondage. He would have contented himself with his lot. But did he do this? No, he began in those dark days to make some progress for the days he believed to be inevitable, as soon as he had one-ninth of a chance.

Let me mention a few of those who will live with us, though they be dead, yes, some who toiled amid strife for freedom and a chance. Think of it as early as 1712 and before, we have men and women fighting in word and deed for liberty. Phillis Wheatley, the New England slave-poetess, composed intelligently at a very early age. She was so skilled in latin as to translate one of Ovid's stories, which was published in the leading magazines of the day. Thos. Fuller was called the "Virginian Calculator." George M. Horton was also a slave-poet, and composed this verse:

"Come melting pity from afar
And break this vast enormous bar
Between a wretch and thee.
Purchase a few short days of time,
And bid a vassal soar sublime
On wings of liberty."

Much had been said and written of the evil of slavery. It caused public discussion all over the Union. Masters were freeing their slaves, and even in this day do you not believe that the white brother saw Ethiopia stretching forth her hand? About this time Harriet Beecher Stowe wrote her most famous book, "Uncle Tom's Cabin." The question was agitated the wide world over. The Negro in his quiet way was sending petitions to the Most High.

It was the year 1841 that the greatest Negro of the race became known. Our Frederick Douglass, his efforts against the wickedness of his race WILL LIVE FOREVER His efforts in to-day's progress will be a living monument in days to come. Many of our race were thoughtful, as many were not. Many began preparations for the days we now enjoy long, before the civil war was in thought.

In the wars of Independence and 1812 the Negro proved his valor as a soldier. Among the first wounded in the war of Independence was Crispus Attucks, a Negro who loved freedom and fought and died for the same.

We have records of Negroes forming bands to fight for liberty. Before passing from the days of darkness let us speak of one not an Afro-American, but the Haytian, hero and slave, Toussaint L'Ouverture, who so bravely fought and died for the rights of the Negroes of Hayti. He is one whom the Negro never tires of speaking and has been justly styled the "Soldier, Statesman and Martyr."

Now comes the time when the hearts of a nation, and nations, are thrilled—the great Civil strife. Though it was thought best for the Negro not to enlist, yet knowing and eager as he was for freedom, willingly he fought for it and well has he acted his part. When Mr Lincoln issued his proclamation Jan. 1st, 1863, think how gloriously it was received, though it did not mean freedom to all, yet those to whom it did not mean freedom, how eager were they to enlist, how bravely they fought for liberty history tells. Hundreds have filled the martyr's grave for the love of right and freedom.

We have passed hurriedly over the dreary days, we see that the Negro shall and will make men and women, and in them are true and honest hearts. Let us look now at the lighter ones, though dimmed with over a century and a half of slavery, yet he makes his way to the front

It was in 1864 65 when the Negro stepped upon the arena to measure arms with men and nations. Now for what he has accomplished. To say he has been wholly successful would not be true, though he has done WELL, he, as every man, made mistakes. It was natural that he should make mistakes. He who was to obey the law he could not read; he who had never been trained to protect the female sex, to love honesty and morality and reverence a good name. He was never taught that character was beetter than gold. And much remained to be learned. To say he had equaled any nation in so short a time and with so many hindrances could not be expected. He goes out poor, homeless, uneducated, with only a few friends Thousands with little or no thought of business or economy, some have come, while most have yet to climb the hill.

The Freedmen's Bureau has done for the Negro what Washington did for his country. Benevolent Northern men and women left their homes and came amid opposition and established schools over the South, which were eagerly attended not only by Negro children but white. Oh, how much did they want to read of the God who had made them free, words cannot express Some of the schools established were Atlanta University, Shaw, Howard, Fisk, Hampton and many others, whose influences will last as long as the race shall exist. From these institutions have come many of our eminent leaders of to-day, and many are purely self-made men.

We have progressed spiritually, intellectually and financially. Look first at our religious progress. Before the war the Negro worshipped in their masters' churches, ministered mostly by white ministers, but as soon as they were free Negro ministers came to the front. We can now boast of as fine churches as many of the whites The mention of such men as Rev. Simmons, Bishops Payne, Turner, Gaines, Miles, Holsey and Rev. White! I see in every face a mark of reverence. Each name is associated with some good and grand work, and are men who none are ashamed to honor. Many others might be mentioned who gave and are giving their lives in this grand work.

Educational progress has been equally successful,—though of true education of the heart and hand we yet stand in need. C. G. Morgan, class orator of Harvard, '90; Prof. Scarborough, author of Greek text books; G. W. Williams, author of "The History of the American Negro;" E. A. Johnson, L. L. B., author of "The School History of the Negro;" Prof. R. R. Wright, Prof. Crogman, of Clark University. These are only a few who have toiled with disadvantages and made proficient scholars A number of our High Schools and Colleges are controlled by colored faculties, many who fill the Professor's chair are Negroes Livingstone and Ben-Morris Brown, Tuskegee Normal and Wilberforce are under the control of Negroes. There are over one million Negro children in the schools of the United States annually taught by twenty thousand Negro teachers. We yet have no Shakespeare or Gladstone, but we have our Douglass, Langston, Durham, Revels, Elliott, Payne, Turner, Bruce, Washington, Price, Fortune, Whitman, Lynch and many others of due note. We have no Mrs. Browning or Pansy, but we are justly proud of our Frances E. Harper, Hallie Q Brown, Ednora Nahar and our famous Mme Selika.

Financial progress has been to a great extent fairly successful. A few statistics will tell of the Negro's progress financially: Georgia, over $10,000 000; Alabama, over $9,000 000; Arkansas, over $8,000,000; Kentucky, over $5,000,000; Louisiana, over $18,000,000; Mississippi, over $13,000 000; Missouri, over $6 000 000; North Carolina, over $11,000,000; South Carolina, over $12,000 000; Texas, over $18,000.000; Tennessee, over $10,000,000; Virginia, $4,000,000. The property of the Negroes in all the States is rated at over $263,000,000. We can look around us and see we have and are progressing. Our little city at a rough estimate, the wealth of the Negroes is over $300,000. Three-fourths of the Negroes own their homes. We boast of inventors, artists, scientists, doctors, lawyers, poets, men in every station, and many journalists, with the race at heart.

We have looked mostly at the bright side of our race, but is there not a dark, dark side? Go to the rural districts, they speak for themselves. Is there not yet work for each of us to do? Work that will take manly men and womanly women, and trust in God to back it. We are not the only race that have served masters, and, as others, we have a prominent place to fill among the nations of the world (and this the Negro is doing), which only time and the work of true-hearted men, moral and thoughtful women, true education and money will bring.

Have we not progressed? Let us look on the day we celebrate with more reverence. Let us move upward and onward for our success is sure. I picture for the Negro a grand future Can or will we fail? Let us thank only God for his goodness and our progress. And in the words of Holland remember that,

"Heaven is not reached in a single bound,
We build the ladder by which we rise,
From the lowly earth to the vaulty skies,
We mount to its summit round by round."

HANGED.

FOUR OF THE MURDERERS OF DR. HILL DIE ON THE GALLOWS—THEY PROTEST THEIR INNOCENCE TO THE LAST.

Chestertown, Md. Special.

The hanging of the four murderers at Chestertown, Md., Friday, January 13th, passed without the anticipated outbreak. The rooms in which the eight men were tried and convicted were crowded with young and old, armed with all kinds of weapons to defend the jail should an attempt be made to lynch the four prisoners At 1:30 a. m. Samuel J. Hill and Walter S Hill, father and brother of Dr J. H. Hill, the murdered man, were admitted to the jail. The elder Mr. Hill expressed a wish to talk alone with the condemned prisoners, with a view of forcing a confession from them. The colored ministers and other visitors were requested to leave the cell-room, and the two gentlemen entered the room and were locked up with the prisoners and watchman. All of the prisoners were asleep, except Brooks, who was praying fervently. The gentlemen walked directly to his cell.

"Brooks, do you know me!" asked the old gentleman. "I am Dr. Hill's father. Your time is growing short, and I want you to tell me the truth; why did you kill him?"

Brooks began his oft-repeated tale, protesting his innocence. He called on God to strike him dead if he was not telling the truth. He said he had nothing to do with the murder, and had only seen Dr Hill for a few minutes in Millington on that fatal Saturday night.

"Then who did kill my boy?" asked Mr. Hill. "Bill Darhl!" he asserted, was the man he though had committed the crime. Darhl is a white man, a peach farmer. Mr. Hill went to the cells of Williams, Brown and Comegys, in the order named, but with as equally unsatisfactory results.

Repeated efforts were made during the night to secure confessions from the Negroes, but each man stuck to his story and absolutely denied all knowledge of the crime.

The Rev A. A. Murray, who had passed the night in the jail, began his religious attentions to the prisoners at 7 o'clock. The preacher began to sing and pray with the prisoners, giving out the hymns line by line. Then he called separately upon Brooks, Comegys, Williams and Brown to pray. Between each prayer, a hymn was sung. Comegys' prayer was the most affecting of all. It was an agonizing cry for help and succor, delivered in the peculiar sing-song intonation of the plantation Negro, and its burden was: "O, Jesus, save my soul!"

A hearty breakfast was served to the prisoners. Shortly after 11 o'clock the members of the posse, the reporters and witnesses allowed were admonished by the sheriff to get ready, and the short march to the scaffold commenced. Brooks led, with Comegys next followed by Williams and Moses Brown. The sheriff silently motioned each of them to his position. The heavy, awkward-looking cotton nooses were arranged about the necks of the four men, the black caps placed over their faces and their legs bound at the ankles The people waiting in the yard below could see nothing, so effectively was the gallows boarded up At 12:30 the bar controlling the triggers slipped easily along the greased surface. There was a crash, the trap-door fell and four black bodies shot through the holes.

John and Joe Potts, two Negroes, became involved in a discussion with Henry Jones a carpenter, in regard to some work he had done for them. One of the Negroes called Jones a liar and Jones knocked him down. The Potts brothers left, saying they would raise a gang and "clean-out" the place. They secured the services of Tom Campbell, a Negro known all over the town as a bad man, to act as a leader. A dozen others joined in and headed by Campbell went to a saloon where the carpenter had located himself. After forcing an entrance Campbell declared with a vile imprecation that he could whip any white man in the place. The white men in the saloon had evidently prepared for the attack, for in less than three minutes after Campbell had burst into the place he was pitched out and fell on the side-walk dead. Intense excitement followed. A coroner's jury was impaneled and a post-mortem examination was made on Campbell's body Dr James Hill now appeared on the scene. He was called upon to conduct the autopsy. He reported that so far as he could discover there were no wounds on the body sufficient to cause death, and signed a certificate to that effect.

This certificate which acquitted the white men, greatly incensed the Negroes against Dr Hill. On the evening of April 23 last Dr. Hill started to make a professional visit about five miles away. Mrs. Hill expected him back by midnight, but when 4 o'clock arrived her anxiety was relieved by hearing the sound of wheels in the yard She waited for him to come to the house. But as he did not appear she dressed herself and went into the yard to see what was the matter. The sight that met her gaze nearly upset her reason. The horse was standing at the gate and in the cart was the insensible body of Dr. Hill, bruised and bleeding, with the head wedged under the shaft. A groan escaped him as she approached and she was able to only scream and to arouse the neighbors. He never regained consciousness and that afternoon he died.

The news of the murder spread like wild-fire, and people left their work to join in the pursuit of the murderers. Every colored man, woman or boy was closely interrogated, as public sentiment ascribed to some Negro responsibility for the deed. At last a colored boy was found who volunteered the intelligence that he had met another boy who had displayed a terror bordering on insanity, the result of some deed the latter had witnessed, and while he would not give details, mentioned the names of half a dozen others who had witnessed the same, which clue led to the arrest of fifteen men and boys. The indictment embraced nine of these. Circumstantial evidence considered sufficient to convict, attached to eight of the men, while Potts, one of the men, proved an alibi. The trial which occurred in October caused much excitement, and the spirit of lynching has never abated from the conviction of the accused down to the date of hanging.

COL. GEO M. ARNOLD.

EMBARKS ON HYMEN'S SEA.—THE BRIDE AND RECEPTION.

Washington, D. C. Special.

The nuptials of Col. Geo M. Arnold and Miss Clio A. Jones on Dec. 28 h was the most brilliant affair that Washington society has enjoyed this season. Gathered in the beautiful parlors of their elegant home on K street was a large circle of friends who witnessed the ceremony performed by Rev. F. J. Grimke of the 15th Street Presbyterian church The bride attired in a rich Bengaline silk united with deep pointed real Spanish lace stood with the groom who wore the regulation full dress, receiving the cordial congratulations of a host of friends who thronged the house during the hours of their reception. The contracting parties' compliment to the guests was a bountiful feast superintended by a skilled caterer from the upper ranks of the purveyors fraternity. A tall handsome brass stemmed lace shaded parlor lamp from his fellow clerks in the war department and numerous valuable pieces of silver ware were among the many presents received from admiring friends to adorn and beautify their palatial home. A newspaper correspondent, a guest of the reception remarked: "If one looks on the walls in this house, no question need be asked as to Col. Arnold's politics or philosophical traditions" Among the pictures we observed Grant, Lincoln, Douglass, John Brown, Conkling, Whittier, Hugo, Castellar, Ingersoll, Cassius M. Clay, the warm personal friend of the colonel's father, Beecher Dumas, and Garrison. Mr. and Mr nold have the best wishes of friends, e name are legion for a long and h py married life.

The Money Missing.

Gretna, La., Special.

On Saturday night Jan. 7th, '93 the stewardess of Boynton M. E Church to defray the expenses of the pastor, Rev. S. S. Wright, to conference. There was a large attendance; net receipts $16.50, which Mrs. C. Sparks the chair leader took home with her and putting it as she supposed in a safe place. The next morning she thought that she would count it over. To her surprise the purse was gone. Mrs. Sparks is almost deranged, Every body feels sorry for Rev Wright as he is a good man and the church is too small to support him and his family. The 2nd R. Baptist church made Rev E Coleman their pastor a present of a $40 00 suit, The Monroe Missionary Baptist church and a New Years's tree. Rev. P. Wiley Pastor D. C. Cobb's church is collecting money for him a $35 00 suit At New Hope Baptist church, Sunday night several purchasers struggled for the cake. $6.75 was realized. A grand entertainment will be given by St Mary and Ben's Association Jan. 21 '93 Ben Peterson, doorkeeper. Rev. D C. Cobb's church took sacrament Sunday. The agent was in Algiers on Sunday spent in the day with Rev. R Frazier. The Steamer Jackson with tour brought in for he Crescent oil mill 90,000 sacks of cotton seed.

De Soto, Mo.

M. B. Johnson and Willie Casey took a flying trip to Hillsboro, last week. Frank Debose, our leading colored butcher married to Miss Mattie Mitchel recently. The wife of Rev. Long was burried on the 9th. The greatest hit of the season was the entertainment given at the M. E. church by the Logan and Jenkins opera Company. Net proceeds $194. H. C. Bell our popular young townsman, has had a splendid offer to go to Colorado Springs but will remain in De Soto. Philip Lankport instructor of instrumental music spent a few day with us last week.

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I should be pleased to know the whereabouts of Mrs Anna M. Pope She was formerly in Augusta. Ga. Her name before she was married was Miss Anna M. Williams. She married James Pope, of Agusta. Any information concerning her whereabouts will be thankfully received by Edward A. Robinson, Co., C., 24th, Infantry, with United States boundary commission, via Bisbee, Ariz. Ter.

Alexander Fergason, who was sold from Richmond, Va, to Columbus Ga., just before the war. Any information respecting the above will pe gladly received by his brother, Charles Washington Norman Fairleigh, Glester Road, Bristol, United Kingdom.

Any one knowing the whereabouts of my father, Thomas Lucas, of Wilmington, N. C., lived in New York City in the neighborhood of McDugal and Sullivan streets, about 1885. An information will be gladly received by David L. Brown, 1 Tottenham street, Tottenham Court Road, London, W., England.

I would like to find my two sons, John and Dorse Price They were raised in North Carolina, Rockingham county. Their father's name was Sias Price, when last heard from Dorse was in Massachusetts, He left after he was free. Any information of either will be thankfully received by Willie Price, 59 South Sycamore street, Springfield, O

Mr, George Smith, of Hillsboro, O., would like to find his relatives. Their names were Isiah Smith, Michael Smith, Theodore Smith and Elvira Smith. She belonged to Jas. Smith. at Delhi; her mother was named Phœbe; she married Sam Dorsa. Candis Gipson was Isaiah and Nichall's mother, also Theodore. We were neighbors of Dr. Chas. Mitchell near Brushy Bayou.

Mrs. Sarah Hooper, of Hamburg street, Baltimore, Md., would like to hear from her mother and sisters. Her mother's name was Mrs. Hester Kennard; she had three daughters and one son. Her son's name is John Brown, and his sisters names are Mary and Charlotte Brown. Mrs. Hester Kennard lived in Chattanooga, Tenn. She has not heard from her r some time. Please address Mrs Sarah Hooker at 153 Hamburg streeet, Baltimore, Md.

I would like to know the whereabouts of Crocket Burleson; he left home in 1879 and when we heard of him he was in northern Texas and had got to be a railroad fireman; he left home when he was only 17 years old; he has been gone thirteen years. Information will be gladly received by Giles Burleson, his father and his mother, Missouri Burleson. His three oldest sisters' names are Georgia, Ada and Ida.
Address Jiles Burleson, care of I. P. Schneider, No. 400 W Second Street, Austin, Tex.

Information is wanted of Sam Larkins who left Hartford, Kentucky 15 years ago. His wife's name was Catherine and he had three children, two boys whose name were Willie and Lander, also one girl whose name is Louthedis. There are only two children living now, Landes and Louthedis. Willie is dead, died July 9, 1892 and mother is dead; she died September 27, 1892. Any information as to the whereabouts of the person named will be thankfully received by Louthedis Larkins, Hartford, Kentucky.

I wish to know the whereabouts of my brothers and sisters, I was sold from them in Virginia. My father's name was David Allen. My mother's name was Easter, and belonged to a man by the name of Blair; my oldest brother was named Joseph A. Blair. Sister Caroline died when I was in Missouri. There were also sister Mary, brother William and brother Charley Blair. I was sold when I was 8 years old; I was sold to a man named Winslow. My brother Sampson was sold to the same man I was. He died in Missouri. My name was Minnie Blair; my name now is Minnie Williams. I am anxious to find my lost sisters and brothers once more in this life. Address Minnie Williams, Sprinkle, Travis county, Texas.

Mrs. Patsey Smith would like to find the whereabouts of her four children, Frank, Henry, Jane and Ben. All belonged to a man by the name of Brown. They were taken away from him by a man named Crockett and brought to South Carrollton, Ky., on Green River. Ben was left in Holly Springs, Miss; he has not been heard from. Frank, Henry and Jane were carried from South Carrollton, Ky., by a Negro trader by the name of Corbin. They have not been heard of since. My maiden name was Patsey Crockett. Any informotion concerning the above four persons will be thankfully received by their mother, Patsey Smith, Central City, Mo.

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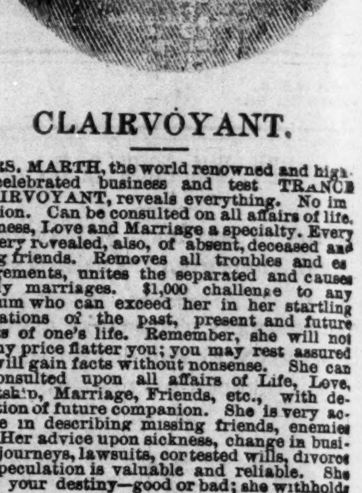

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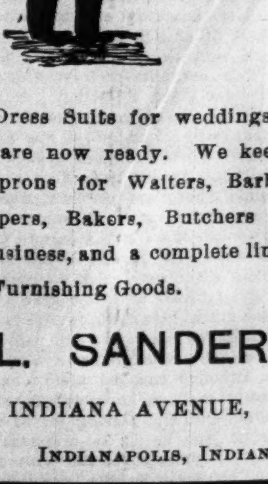

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WOMANS' WORLD.

Instructive and Interesting Items of News.

A race, no less than a nation, is prosperous in proportion to the intelligence of its women.

I said to Fame, "Be mine;
I want thy winsome voice upon mine ear,
I want, for my soul's good, thy smile of cheer
Be mine, be mine."
I said to Gold, "Be mine;
Through thee come power and all the things of pride,
Only through thee can man be satisfied—
Be mine, be mine."
Fame came and gave her thorn-crown and my tears
Fall with the blood-drops over desert years
O Fame! O Fame!
Wealth filled my hands with treasures and behold!
How poor and mean and burden-wise is God—
Base gold! Vile gold!
And so, O Death, for this great lack of mine,
I ask to-day a sweet gift and benign—
Thy touch, thy touch.
—MARY E. BLANCHARD.

Mrs. Cole, of Detroit, Mich., has set on foot a musical society.

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Mrs. Lelia Blonton, of Austin, Tex., is said to be an expert photographer.

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Amanda Smith is conducting a revival meeting at Chicago with great success.

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Miss May M. Brown, of Cleveland, O., is a promising student in a medical college of that city.

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Mary Lee, supposed to be 100 years old, froze to death in her cabin, at Atlanta, Ga., December 26th.

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Miss Nora Wells of West Liberty, Iowa, is an expert stenographer and type writer sustaining with ease a speed of 130 words per minute.

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A young lady from Liberia, Africa, the grand-daughter of ex-president Russell, of Liberia, entered college at Tuskegee, Ala., before Christmas.

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In a declamation contest with twelve white girls, at Monmouth, Ill., Miss Lou Wallace, the only Afro-American contestant, won the prize, a gold watch.

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Miss Ethel Shaw, whose work as a teacher in Tuskegee Normal Institute began at the present term, died on the 5th, inst. The institution regrets her death.

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Miss Mattie McHenry, daughter of J. McHenry, was married to Irvin Cain at Bethel A. M. E. church, Atlanta, Ga., Bishop H. M. Turner, officiating.

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By the death of Mrs. Jane C. Gammon, which occured December 22d, at Batavia, Ill, Gammon Theological Seminary, (M. E) at Atlanta, Ga., receives $750,000.

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Ft. Dodge, Ia., is in a ferment of excitement over the rumored betrothal of Mrs. Caroline Crow, a respectable white widow, to John Henry, an Afro American.

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Mrs. Curtis, wife of Dr. A. M. Curtis of Chicago has been appointed to the secretaryship of colored interests to the World's Fair She will have a desk in Mrs. Palmer's, the president's office.

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At Evansville, Mrs, Will Crump, colored, seventeen years old, had both hands shot off at the wrists by her husband, who followed her to her mother's. The latter was also shot. The woman will die.

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There are fourteen Afro-American lady teacher's in the public schools of New York city and twenty in Brooklyn, two private kindergartens and several day and evening schools are also conducted by Afro-Americans.

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Mme. Sisseretta Jones appeared in a high class musical concert at Central Music hall, Chicago, January 5th, 6th and 7th, under the auspices of the Star Lecture coure, (white), a recognition seldom accorded one of the Afro-American race.

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Mrs. Julia Phinizy, formerly the slave of Ferdinand Phinizy, died in Atlanta, Ga, recently, and bequeathed to Marion Phinizy, the son of her former master, who is already wealthy, property valued at $20,000 She bought her freedom before the war, but always remained in the service of her former master.

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Sallie Jackson who had passed her hundredth mile stone died Jan. 1st at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Jackson had thirteen children, forty-nine grandchildren, thirty-four great-grand-children, and five great-great-grandchildren, Her oldest child was seventy years old, and her oldest grandchild fifty.

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The celebrated Prudence Crandall club of Chicago held last week at Bethel A. M. E. church very interesting commemorative services in honor of the leaders in the cause of emancipation. Hon. Frederick Douglass was the honored guest and eloquently addressed the club. Dr. Charles Bently and Mrs. Sattie McCary read able papers. Hon. Lloyd G. Wheeler presided.

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A dastardly outrage was committed upon the person of a young colored girl in the town of Bastrop, La., recentl , by a band of white hoodlums and midnight marauders They went to the house where the girl lived with her widowed mother, fired their pistols off, sending many bullets through the doors and windows in order to terrorize the inmates. They then accomplished their object in outraging the girl.

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The nuptials of Miss Josephine Hardin and Thos. Miller, were announced for Thursday, January 5th. The bride to be is the belle of Anchorage, Ky. The groom, a well-known young man of Crescent Hill, a popular resort a few miles from Ancherage. Invitations to the number of several hundred were issued, many to the neighboring cities. The church was handsomely decorated for the occasion, and everything was in readiness. When the hour arrived at which the ceremony was to be performed, the groom had not arrived. A messenger was sent for him, who found he had left for parts unknown. It is rumored that he went to Chicago.

A FORTUNE FOR SOME ONE.

CAN YOU HELP FIND THEM?

West Superior, Wis., Special.

A land suit about to be begun in the circuit court here is of considerable importance on two points First as to the queston of ownership of Syndicate addition to South Superior and second as to whether a Negro antecedent to the war was a citizen and had the right to pre-empt land. Another somewhat interesting feature of the case is that it will show that the Negro came as far North as Superior in the early days and were adventurers and explorers, which is something that has never been attributed to the colored people. This case has been opened by Byron Aney of New York, bringing a suit against William H. Winslow of the Water, Light & Power Co., for the recovery of some $600 paid by him to defendant on a deed to certain property in Syndicate addition. The property is held by the Superior Land Company of which Thomas Dwyer, John Mather Wm. H Winslow and Frank A. Ross are members. The property of the company comprises forty acres and is held under the title of one Thomas Taylor. But their is another claimant to the property under the title of the Negro who appears to have been the first owner. Away back in 1856 Geo. W. Bell, a Negro, proved up and received the proper land office certificates to the land, and afterwards sold the land, the same passing to several individuals. In October of 1858, however, the title of Bell was cancelled because of his African lineage. In 1859 a Thomas Taylor came along and received a patent to the land, three years after Bell had disposed of the land by virtue of the land office certificates granted to him. George Weatherby, it appears, brought under the Bell title, and W. C. Sherwood brought under the Taylor title, Sherwood afterwards deeding the property to the Superior Land Company. Weatherby brought suit under his title as stated some month ago in the evening telegram and while the same is pending the local company cannot give the title, hence the suit of Aney against Winslow. The question involved is whether the Negro had the right to pre-empt the property. It is alleged that he was a slave and had no such right, while on the other hand it is claimed that Bell was a freed slave like many other who had left the South and had all the rights of a citizen The case will come up at the next term of the circuit conrt.

Fort Custer, Mont.

Our post now has Band and Troops, R. E, G and K, 10th Cavalry and Company D, 25th Infantry (all colored), and Troop L, 1st Cavalry (Indians). Pleasure and theoretical instruction in the duties of a soldier is what occupies our time during the winter. Colonel Mizner Garrison No 39, Regular Army and Navy Union, an organization composed of veterans, gave a very enjoyable entertainment Dec 29th. The Jolly Ten Minstrels, composed of local talent, amused the Post on the evenings of Jan 5th and 6th. Mrs. King, of St. Louis, Mo., is a recent addition to our social circle. The Odd Fellows of Soldier Home Lodge, No. 3491, has elected new officers, who were installed Jan. 10th. Our advice to all enterprising people of our race is to come West. They can obtain good agricultural land and assist in the progress of the greatest Republic in existence. The white race will not barn down your houses, nor run you away from your crops and property out here. Attend to your own affairs, and prosperity is yours.

WINTER MONTHS.

Beloved one, did you sometimes think—
Sitting your cheerful hearth beside,
While boisterous winds through every chink
Of door and casement moaned and sighed—

That, after autumn's days are done,
Some foolish birds—poor reckless things!—
May strive through storms to reach the sun,
But spread too late their fragile wings?

Alas! how many, dear, must die,
Of those sad, shivering emigrants!
At thought of it tears cloud you eye;
Long shall we miss their joyous chants.

Tonight you love me; and you say
That their return with spring is sure.
But not those birds who flew today?
And you—ah! will your love endure?
—Florence Henniker in Temple Bar.

A STRANGE TONGUE.

Professor Jonathan Dominic Adams was a very great scholar. As everybody knew who knew anything, he was considered the authority on the Greek poets and everything appertaining to the Greek language, both ancient and modern. Greek was his hobby, his pleasure, the dream of his life, the alpha and omega of his every day's existence, and to any one who would or could not converse on his favorite topic the professor was most decidedly a bore.

Dr. Adams was sufficiently a man of the world to know that he owed his being in a very great measure to a woman. He was aware also that besides the heroines who lived in his books there were women who moved in the outer world. But beyond this knowledge he knew nothing of the weaker sex, to whom Greek, in most cases, was but a word and nothing more. Therefore it was with the greatest consternation that one summer evening, as he was strolling homeward across the Green park, he caught himself thinking, not of his favorite and only topic, but of a woman, and that woman a very sweet and pretty creature of twenty-five.

Dr. Adams tried his hardest to bring his thoughts into their usual and to him proper channel, but to no avail. To his horror he found that he had even forgotten some lines of Homer, but that he could not forget a pair of bright blue eyes and the smile of rosy lips. To the credit of the profession it must be said that he gave up the struggle and for the remainder of the evening dreamed of Miss Julia Drewry, while Homer for the time being was dethroned.

Now while Professor Jonathan Adams was dreaming of Miss Julia Drewry, Miss Julia Drewry was dreaming of Professor Jonathan Adams, thinking of him and the study of Greek literature. For she also was a great scholar, having left Girton with all the honors that it was possible for the fair student to take away with her. But, although she knew everything that there was to be known about divinity, classics, mathematics, natural science, moral science, history, German, Anglo-Saxons etc., her favorite subject was Greek.

Somewhat to her father's dismay he perceived that his daughter ignored the natural pleasures of youth, while she pestered him from morning till night with dissertations on this dead language. Learned man as he was himself, and an old college friend of Dr. Adams, he would have preferred Julia to take more interest in her surroundings and mix freely with her fellow creatures, instead of spoiling her pretty eyes with continuous study. But no; Miss Julia turned up her little nose at the girls she met, and at the young men, too, for up to the present she had not found one with whom she could talk upon the subjects which engrossed her mind.

Her father had one slight consolation, and that was that the girl, with all her faults, took an interest in her personal appearance, dressing well, if in the Greek style. Whether she wore blue stockings he never inquired, and of course we cannot; besides, it has nothing whatever to do with the story.

It so happened that one day, while taking his morning constitutional, Mr. Drewry stumbled across Dr. Adams; or, to put it more correctly, Dr. Adams stumbled over Mr. Drewry. The worthy professor, instead of looking where he was going, was walking along with his eyes fixed on the ground in a brown study.

"Bless my heart!" exclaimed Drewry; "why, it's Adams. How are you—how are you? What an age it is since we have met!"

"It must be ten years—ten long years; and yet it seems only yesterday," replied Adams.

"Long enough for many changes. My poor wife has been dead these ten years; but, thank God, I have a daughter to look after me. You saw her when she was fifteen. And you, are you married?"

"No, indeed," said the professor; "I am but wedded to my work."

"Ah, yes; I have seen your name mentioned now and again in connection with your Greek studies. But don't let us stand here talking; come home with me. Julia has often expressed a wish to see you again. She has questions to ask you and some theories to propound, for she also is Greek—very much so."

The two friends walked home to Mr. Drewry's humble but neat little cottage in Fulham, and from that moment—and I tell it with sorrow—Mr. Drewry had, to put it vulgarly, to take a back seat. The professor found Julia charming, and Julia considered the professor delightful, while poor Mr. Drewry had to listen to endless arguments upon the eternal Greek. At first he endeavored to divert his guest and draw him out about old college days, but five minutes after Dr. Adams would turn to the daughter and take up the conversation at the point where he had been interrupted.

The next day the professor called again, and also on the next and so on and so on until he was regarded in the light of a tame cat. Mr. Drewry took to his newspapers and his books, leaving his guest for hours with his daughter.

And what were the consequences?

Why, that Professor Adams after six weeks found his eyes wandering to the fair Julia's face instead of keeping them upon the books the two were studying together. And Miss Drewry would think to herself as she waited for the professor's diurnal visit that she had at last met a man whom she would be happy to marry, despite the fact he was on the wrong side of forty and had a very bald head.

Matters had come to this serious point on the day Dr. Adams walked across the Green park, and when the image of the girl totally obliterated the image of Homer. That night the professor, as has already been told, gave himself up to dreaming about Miss Julia, and the following afternoon he put two questions to her.

The first was whether she would be willing to help him with a work he proposed to bring out in twenty volumes—namely, the "Lives of the Greek Poets," with criticisms on their poems, the whole to be written in Greek. To this proposition Julia readily consented.

The second question was that as the undertaking would be a work of years, and they would have to be continually together, would she object to becoming his wife to facilitate the plan. To this Miss Drewry, after a proper amount of womanly indecision, also consented.

Mr. Drewry at first somewhat naturally objected to the marriage, but he was very soon overruled, and in two months the wedding took place. Although autumn was united to summer the combination turned out a bright and happy one. The professor came to live at the cottage in Fulham, Mr. Drewry remaining with his daughter, and a more peaceful and contented trio never existed.

The "Lives of the Greek Poets" went on flourishingly. The first volume appeared and was received with great favor by the critics. But when the second volume was but half written a sudden interruption took place. It was a very natural one and one to be wished for—a young Master Adams made his appearance upon the scene, of course to the overthrow of his mother's work.

"For the time being only, I trust," the professor would say to himself as he laid down his pen to act the part of errand boy, for he was continually being desired to run for either the baby's bottle, or limewater, or such like infantile requisites. Then he was asked to step up stairs and see his son smile for the first time, and now and again was even required to hold him.

But after a few weeks of this unaccustomed occupation Dr. Adams became impatient for his wife to return to the study and help him to carry on the work they had commenced together. So after hinting many times that he wished for her assistance, which hinting she seemed to ignore, he decided one morning to ask her point plank to give the baby in charge of the nurse and devote a few hours to the "Lives of the Greek Poets."

With this intention he went up stairs to his wife's room, and as the door was open he heard her addressing somebody or something in a very peculiar and to him entirely new language. He paused on the landing and listened. If he had had any hair on the top of his head it would have stood on end. Could this be his classical Julia speaking this extraordinary jargon? This is part of what he heard:

"Didums then love his icle barthy-warthy? The darding icle boysey-woysey! Agoo! Agoo! Didums try and bite the spongey-wongey? Naughty icle sing! Naughty icle sing to make his back as stiff as a poker."

Dr. Adams peeped through the opening of the door and beheld his wife washing the baby. He continued to listen.

"Agoo! Agoo! Didums want to cry den when he's taken out of de nicey warm water. There, then, does him want to kick, kicky-wicky, kicky-wicky—nurse, where is the powder? Ah! thank you—was him being basted, then, like a icle chicken? Oh, I could eat him up, my pretty petty-wetty! I lub him so! Ah, poor, poor icle wee t'ing! Didums have the hiccoughs? Naughty, naughty hiccoughs! Shall mummy beat the horrid, nasty hiccoughs then—nurse, pass me the sugar, please. Perhaps that will do the little darling good. No sugar up here? Just ask Dr. Adams to fetch the sugar basin from the dining room cupboard."

Professor Adams beat a precipitate retreat, and on gaining the hall seized his hat and went out for a long walk. With his hands thrust deep into his pockets, and his hat placed over his eyes he gave himself up to very deep thought. But he thought not of the Greek language, but of the new tongue he had just heard. At first his face was very stern, but it gradually and gradually relaxed until it beamed forth into a very pleasant and sweet smile.

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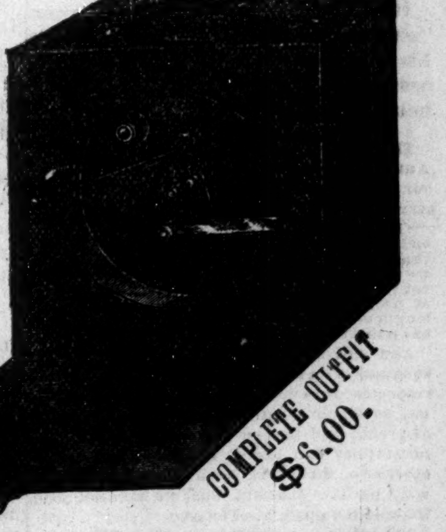

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A LANCE OR TWO

With Our Exchanges.

There is a tremendous leavening process going on, and the Negro is more and more demonstrating his capacity to measure up to his great responsibility as a freeman and a citizen. —Southern Christian advocate.

That's it Editor Hammond; you uttered a whole chunk of truth in that remark, sharply at varience though it is with the can-see-nothing hopeful views of some of the thinkers of the race. The Negro is developing like a green bay tree, and all the pessimists running loose can not hinder him in his growth.

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It has happened before that those who have appealed to the rabble have been playing with fire. And that is just what the Democrats did in the last campaign.—The Plaindealer.

But, soft you honey, tread lightly on this thought. Has it not struck you yet that the "rabble" elects presidents in this Republican form of government, and that in the last campaign, we took off our coats to appeal to this self same rabble, the only thing that we have to weep over being that the Democrats beat us on the "appeal." In another column of your execellent paper you strike the nail on the head when you say:

"The National committee should proceed at once to the strengthening of party lines and looking after Republicans, instead of engaging in the useless effort of coddling the Irish and Roman Catholic vote. We had enough of that during the last campaign."

It was this "coddling" after "strange gods" that helped break our backs. But spare the "rabble" for the uses of '96. We shall need them every hour, and every one.

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The Indianapolis Freeman insists that The AGE is wrong in declaring that "the reasons for our misfortunes are in ourselves and not in our stars." It says, with owlish gravity:

"Twenty-five years of freedom to a race that had just emerged from two hundred and fifty years of servitude, is not such an advantage, as to cause us to blame ourselves that we are not farther advanced than we are. What race of people has ever done so well in the same length of time? Speak some one, and enlighten us on this subject."

And still we insist that the wealth we have squandered on humbug would make us rich and respected; that our persistent refusal to organize, as others do, to secure our just rights is a disgrace; and that our refusal to sustain race institutions and honest and capable men, as others do, makes us weak indeed. It is not what we have done but what we have not done that needs emphasis.—The Age.

"Owlish gravity" is good. All right Timothy T. insist away, while we beg to re-insist the sense of our first criticism, of your hasty conclusion, with the additional reflection, that what WE HAVE DONE along the line of race progress and development during the few years that we have been given A CHANCE TO DO, is a vast sight more encouraging and open to praise, than what WE HAVE NOT DONE, is to censure and blame. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Let pessimists of your gloomy school rage and "gnaw a file," the fact stands forth for all the world to see that the development and stride made by the Negro during his quarter century of freedom is the marvel of the century. The vices that you attribute to him are general, instead of racial, inseperable from human flesh, "of the earth, earthly" and cannot in justice be pointed to as a specific stigma on the Negro. The wonder is, all things being broadly considered, past conditions, etc., that he is not more improvident than he is in the matter of spending his means on "humbug" as you so "Fortune"nately put it. It has taken the "under million" of the "white," the dependent classes, centuries to learn the advantages of union and organization, if they have thoroughly learned it yet, but, nothing daunted, you would hold our poor race up to unseasonable reflection, because forsooth, what it has taken the whites hundreds of years to successfully practice, it has not learned in the few years that might mark the life-time of a boy. All so called "race institutions," are not race institutions, in the better view of the case, and the Negro like the white man, is learning to so distribute his esteem and support as only the fittest shall survive. Not all who call on the "Lord" the loudest shall sit on the right hand of the Master, no more than all enterprises should be permitted to fatten off the support of colored people that PRETEND to be "race institutions." The principle that dominates the lives of institutions attaches to the individual, the "fittest" will survive, as instance your own brilliant career, while the "unconsequentials," will sooner or later sink to their proper sphere. God give us courage to be just, as well as exacting of our race.

EDITORIAL GLANCES.

"The Blue Grass Chronicle," vol. 1, No. 4, a neatly printed four-paged four column journal, came dropping into our sanctum last week and was as welcome as welcome could be. Rev. G W. Garrett an agent and friend, of The Freeman, in the most practical sense is general manager of our young brother, and we wish him and the good citizens of Paris Ky., much pleasure and profit from the same.

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The first number of the new edition of The Teacher's Quarterly issued under the Sunday School Union, of the A. M. E. church, Rev. C. S. Smith, editor and compiler, has reached us in "beautiful form." Consisting of forty-eight pages, typographically it is a marvel of clearness and mechanical taste, and best news of all, the whole splendid issue, is the result of Negro mechanism skill and brain.

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The Ferret and Journal Of The Lodge the old "Ferret" enlarged to eight pages, forty-eight columns has reached us. We welcome our grown-up brother, and hope for it many returns of the day.

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"The Future State," says it is "forced" to acknowledge that the holiday Freeman was the most commendable effort we have seen in Negro Newspaper work. Thanks, brother, but next time don't wait to be "forced" to acknowledge the truth.

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From far away Fort Custer, Mon., comes the following recommendation of The Freeman. "The Freeman is read by a great many here, and is considered our best journal, published in the interest of the race" Chas. B. Turner Sergeant, Troop E 10th cavalry.

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The prospectus of The Penny Savings Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., for 1893, which we have received through the courtesy of Ass't Cashier E. F Horn is a "marker." Here is an institution projected, owned and controlled entirely by colored men, that in its quiet modest way is helping to solve the race question amazingly. What the race wants at this stage of the game, above money, is the disposition to save and horde it, and that is the mission of such institutions as this Chattanooga banking house. By receiving deposits as low as two cents, the children, the future hope of the race, are encouraged to save, and thus lay the foundation for useful meritorious futures.

THE trouble with the New York Democrats seems to be, they have never quite realized Cleveland's full size. The result is, every time they bunt, the stone wall is unhurt, but their heads grow more tender after each foray. Call it what you will, honesty or bullheadedness, there is that about Grover Cleveland, clear and sharply defined, that causes the tricksters in his party to just naturally shy away from him.

THIS from the Indianapolis Journal in the language of A. Ward is "writ somewhat sarcastic:

A bill has been introduced in the Illinois Legislature making it a punishable offense to dock a horse's tail "unless the same is proved to be a benefit to the horse." This could never be proved by the horse, himself. Indiana ought to have such a law. Something is due to our dumb brute friends and the fact that they are never represented in Legislature, while the asses always are, should not prevent them from receiving due consideration.

THE election of Murphy as Senator from New York must be somewhat humiliating to the President elect Mr. Cleveland would have conserved his feelings better had he thought more and said less. Most any ordinary statesman would have been content after being elected President to have allowed the men who elected him to make their own choice of a man to become their Senator. But Grover is not an ordinary statesman.

"THEY will carry six handsome mother-of-pearl cases, in each being a parchment elaborately inscribed," the committee selected by the World's Columbian Exposition Commissioners to proceed to England and invite Albert Edward, Prince of Wales to visit Chicago during the fair. We suppose all of this expensive ceremony is necessary to keep up the dignity of the thing, but how inconsistent with the fact that there are ten millions of people here at home that the Commissioners can't find a dollar to spend with, to enable them to assist in making the fair a representative success. As a matter of course, Albert Edward won't come, and history will record another instance of American snobbery gone daft, and money wasted.

MR. WILLIAM JONES.

When Bill Jones was a-runnin'
For the legislatur—he
Was a jokin' an' a funnin,'
Jes' as social as could be!
He'd hitch his old mule at the gate
An' throw his slouch hat down
An' sit up with you soon an' late—
The best old chap in town!

He wore a pair o' muddy boots,
An' said his cash was slim;
An' also that these old jean suits
Was good enough for him.
They praised him up from dark to dawn—
Jes like poor human natur';
An' then they took an' sent him on
To be a legislatur!

But now! His name ain't Bill no more—
It puzzles a believer!
He's bought a slick suit at the store
An' got a towerin' beaver!
Done throwed the muddy boots away—
So folks has said that sawn him—
He's "Mr William Jones" to-day—
The Lord have mercy on him!

—Atlanta Constitution.

IT must be in the air. The Chicago policemen, 2,100 strong, will follow the Indianapolis "finest" and ask for a raise of wages.

IF we offended the colored men of Indianapolis by seeking to interest them in securing broader and better facilities of employment, we are very sorry, and hope they will excuse us.

THE anxious question with the housekeeper just now is, will ice be cheaper next summer. The experience of the past has been that a great harvest of ice, ment a great rise in price.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN wanted Benjamin Butler to be his running mate on the presidential ticket in 1864, but Butler being in the field fighting the battles of his country, refused the profered honor.

THE Panama scandal grows with the days. So far, President Carnot has escaped the drag net, although there's no telling what a day may bring forth. It is a huge piece of dirty business all the way through.

THE Democrats in power show a disposition to hoot at the temperence cause and ridicule its demands, and yet when a campaign is on, ye good Prohibition voter will tear his coat for an opportunity to cast a vote for a Democrat rather than a Republican. Strange world this.

THE Negro never had a braver or more outspoken friend than Benjamin Butler was the last thirty years of his life, and by his death another name is added to that band of high-souled, philanthropic friends, that when the Negro counts his jewels, should not be forgotten.

IT used to be, "No Irish need apply," but all that's changed. Comes now an appeal from South Dakota asking that a car load of marriagable Irish girls be shipped to that point where husbands could be found for them as "thick as blackberries in July." Thus vanishes one of the prejudices of the 19th century.

THE Democratic majority in the Indiana Legislature will make nothing in the long run by striving to shut off investigation of State institutions when a demand is made for the same. The people, who put the present Democratic regime in power are naturally concerned about the management of the State's big homes, both penal and philanthropic, and the party in power can ill afford to array itself against such concern. Its like "monkeying with the buzz saw."

RIGHT YOU ARE, SIR!

White men are tired of carrying the Negro upon their backs and the time is at hand for the Negro wherever it is possible to help himself. * * * * The Negro must begin to print his own books, publish his own papers, start his business associations, and build up his own people.—Richmond Southern News.

This from a white man's sheet has the ring of an unpleasant but salutary truth. This white editor from the South with nothing to fear by being outspoken, has only voiced what is the general sentiment of white people in every section of the Uhion, North as well as South, and is a fast growing sign of the times, worthy of the Negro's interested notice. There was some excuse at the period of Emancipation for the newly freed bondman, without means, knowledge or opportunity, to look for a sort of paternal oversight and special friendship from the whites, by whom he found himself surrounded, and most entirely dependent upon, but with the years conditions have changed. His opportunities have broadened out, education has swung her pearly gates open to his approach, for twenty-nine years he has worked, labored and accumulated. Where he was weak, it is expected that he is strong, where he groveled and was timed, the way is plain; and the demand is, he shall be self reliant and sustaining Like other people he must kick and hustle for himself. He must not only do everything this Southern white man says, but especially must he imitate, if he can't surpass, the white man in race clanishness, and an omnivorous gree for everthing in sight that can be turned into dollars and cents, through the honest channels of industrial effort and keen business tact. In a word being a part and parcel of this great growing, rushing Republic, having watered its growth with his tears and blood, he can't get away from it if he desired, and he must make up his mind to either go along with the procession or be trampled under foot. Being yoked to a lion, the unyielding hardy Anglo-Saxon, he must cultivate the temperment of the lion or be swallowed up by the beast.

PRESIDENT HARRISON'S FUTURE.

Only a few weeks are to elapse before President Harrison will be called upon to turn over into his successor's hands the great office in which he has served the people so well, to once more take his place in the ranks as a private citizen of the Republic. Certainly no man has ever laid down the cares and duties of the presidency, having served his time out, that carried with him to the shades of private life, a more unblemished official name, a more sincere respect from all classes and sections of the land, than will follow Benjamin Harrison after the 4th of March, to the quiet and sacredness of his woe-stricken home in Indianapolis. And what a home-coming it will be to him who left it but four short years ago, followed by the good wishes and kindly hopes of his friends and neighbors of all parties, who had known him most of the years of his life, and however they differed from him politically, had nothing but respect and sincere esteem for his sterling qualities of manhood and citizenship. Those who stood near him at the depot, and the whole city seemed to be present, will never forget the scene, as from the rear platform of the train, he bade them good-bye, and assured them whatever the future had in store for him, he should, when the time arrived, lay down the cares of office, cheered with the hope of once more returning to the bosom of his friends who had done so much for him, and to those scenes where the best and happiest years of his life had been lived and spent. Then a well-acted past was behind him, still secure, while before him, were the untried labors and responsibilities of the greatest office that it was within the power of his fellow-citizens to dower him. Those labors are now drawing to a close. Out of the means placed in his hands, he has wrought well, and good, and honest. He has been the President of all the people, irrespective of race or section, and he may well exclaim, if occasion shall require it,

"If I am traduced by tongues which neither know
My faculties, nor person, yet will be
The chronicles of my doing,—let me say,
'Tis but the fate of place, and the rough
Brake that virtue must go through."

Other than such defense for the place that his administration will take in history with those that have preceded it, there will be no occasion, for it will stand with the greatest and best, but in the very act of crossing the threshhold of the Executive Mansion for the last time, as he turns his face toward the city of his home, what sense of duty well done, what sympathy make up, for the absence of her who shared with him the triumphs of his election, his journey to the Capital and the after cares of official life, as only a noble wife could do? For him, as for all men who have passed through that crucible of imperial grief, the world, the rushing unfeeling world, will be the same, but its sunshine will have departed But Benjamin Harrison is a man, and a christian, and possesses to an eminent degree the fortitude of the one, and the resignation of the other. The natural probabilities are that his days of usefulness and service to his country will be continued for many years to come. The foremost chieftian of his party, he will return to private life, the most distinguished of private citizens, with the eye of the nation continually upon him. The principles which his administration was the embodiment of, and for which his party suffered defeat, are just as alive as ever, and will grow more apparent, as the Democratic administration grows old. If all signs do not fail, in less than two years the Democratic party will be broken into fragments, and protection to American industry and American lives being the watchword, the Republican party, with Benjamin Harrison as its standard bearer, once more will go into power, with a greater majority than was secured to turn it out. Watch the prediction, and keep your eye on Benjamin Harrison.

THE "CONSERVATOR" INCENSED.

We regret it very much. You see it was this way: We had prepared a special "circular" letter to be sent to numerous of our "exchanges," black and white, offering to continue them on our exchange list for '93 in consideration of running a small advertisement of THE FREEMAN in their issue no oftener than once a mouth. As a help to our mailing clerk, who had the sending of the circulars in charge, we provided him with a copy of Rowell's Newspaper Directory that he might be sure of the State location of the papers to be addressed. Knowing that The Conservator was an Afro-American sheet, and noticing that the newspaper directory for '91 claimed for it a benafide circulation of only 750, not one-twentieth of THE FREEMAN's circulation as registered in the same book, he took it upon himself to add The Conservator to the list we had already prepared for him, hence our esteemed contemporary's ire. With a circulation of only 750, thereabouts, the value of The Conservator's space for advertising purposes would be hardly worth the mention, but our clerk, not thinking of this, naturally supposed that The Conservator, being so humble a sheet, from a standpoint of circulation, would jump at the chance of obtaining THE FREEMAN once a week in return for advertising it once a month. However, "All's well that ends well," and we sincerely hope that this explanation will produce the necessary balm for the wounded dignity of our friend in the "Windy City." In contradistinction to the reception accorded our "circular" by The Conservator, the following acknowledgement of Editor Roberts, of that staunch paper, The Baptist Herald, is a model of fraternal grace and good horse sense:

Florence, S. C., Jan. 10, 1893.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:—Your advertisement has been received, terms accepted Have always considered it a privilige to be on your exchange list, and in any way that I can be of use to you in increasing the subscription list of The Freeman, why I am only too glad to do it. Advertisement will apper in issue of February 1st You missed The Herald in sending out your Christmas edition. With best wishes for your success and that of The Freeman I am

Yours fraternally,
E. A. ROBERTS.

Since the above has been put in print the following communication on the same line from Editor George A. Brown, of The Northwestern Recorder, among the brightest of our bright exchanges, will be read with added interest:

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 16, '93.

EDITOR THE FREEMAN:

DEAR SIR:—A little notice came from you a week or so ago, suggesting that I place it in the columns of my paper This I will gladly do, for nothing should become a task to us that will benefit us as a people * * * * I undoubtedly love to read The Freeman, for it is without a doubt the most solid journal that comes to my office. * * * * I will be glad to publish anything you desire. Trusting this will find you well, I remain.

Yours very truly, REV. GEO A. BROWN,
Editor of Northwestern Recorder.

BENJAMIN F. BUTLER.

Ever since Benjamin F. Butler, then a delegate to the Douglass Democratic Convention, which convened in Baltimore in 1860, arose in his place and said, "I cannot sit in a convention where the African slave trade, which is piracy according to the laws of my country, is openly advocated," he has been at all times and places, a bold, open and aggressive friend of the Negro He it was, who first found a legal right to confisticate slave property, according to the tenets of war, by declaring it "contraband" with other property held by the enemy Before Butler's legal probe and long head, had come to the rescue of the Northern patriots, who believed in fighting the rebels to "cripple and kill," about one half of the time of the "blue coats" was taken up, in returning refugees to the slaveholders, and apologizing for not having returned them sooner. "Ben" Butler would have none of that sycophancy where he commanded, no more than he would allow the rebel women of New Orleans to spat in the faces of loyal soldiers doing garrison duty in that Confederate stronghold For ten years he was a leader on the the Republican side in the National House of Representatives, and such a leader in that stormy period as we have not had since. The stories and anecdotes that are told of this great man, for he was a great man, during those years of his life, are many and characteristic He it was, who marshaled and led the forces in the House, that carried the Civil Rights Bill to a successful vote. It was on this occasion, and before the final vote was taken, while speaking of the bravery and gallantry of the Negro soldier, that he melted the House into tears, by the following eloquent tribute, delivered as only Butler could deliver it. Said General Butler, and so still and hushed was the House, a pin could have been heard to drop:

"It became my painful duty to follow in the track of that charging column, and there, in a space not wider than the clerk's desk and three hundred yards long, lay the dead bodies of five hundred and forty-three of my colored comrades, fallen in defense of their country, who had offered up their lives to uphold its flag and its honor, as a willing sacrifice; and as I rode among them, guiding my horse this way and that way, lest he should profane with his hoofs what seemed to me the sacred dead, and as I looked on their bronzed faces upturned in the shining sun, as if in mute appeal against the wrongs of the country for which they had given their lives, whose flag had only been to them a flag of stripes, on which no star of glory had ever shone for them—feeling I had wronged them in the past and believing what was the future of my country to them—among my dead comrades there, I swore to myself a solemn oath—'May my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I ever fail to defend the rights of those men who have given their blood for me and my country that day and for the race forever, and God helping me, I will keep that oath.'"

God bless him, he kept his oath. He was not a courtly man, was General Butler, being void of those graces that courtiers and vassals are noted for, but—he was a man. He believed in fair play and justice to all alike, and beneath his rough uncouth exterior beat a heart, than which, no more gentle, or sweetly attuned, ere throbbed in delicate woman's breast. The wires told us that as his silent remains were borne a few days since past the throngs of the factory hands in his beloved Lowell, the grief on all sides was spontaneous and unaffected. A great man has laid down his work, a leader in the battle of humanity is fallen, a chieftian who was a friend to the Negro has gone to his rest.

EDITOR'S TALK.

Every now and then some agent sends in a long wail because his budget of news did not reach us in time to be published. Say, you that are cawing, don't you have common sense enough to know that we do not purposely keep back correspondence? Give us credit for a little sense at least. Stop your grumbling; get your letters to us early; make them newsy; wait patiently; don't pout and threaten to discontinue the agency. Rome was not built in a day. We are trying to be fair to everybody; we shall treat all our agents and correspondents the spirit of fairness.

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The below statement from one of our most successful agents is published in this column that his patrons may know that he has discontinued his services. As an agent to The Freeman Mr. Pleasants has been an honorable man, in every way becoming an honest, upright and energetic agent. We regret to part with him, yet we can only do so with the most pleasant of feelings.

HUNTSVILLE, ALA.

TO THE PUBLIC:

I, R. H. Pleasants, agent of The Freeman, wish to inform my subscribers that I can no longer act as agent of The Freeman in this city. I take pleasure in introducing to my customers and the public in general Amos Manning, who will be your future agent. Thanking one and all for their liberal patronage, and hoping that all may continue taking The Freeman from Mr. Manning, as it is the best and largest Afro-American journal published, I remain

Yours very truly,
R. H. PLEASANTS.

The Freeman extends Mr. Manning, its new agent, the heartiest welcome possible to give and there shall not be any efforts left undone to help him and to make his duties pleasant and profitable. Our friends in Huntsville will do well to place all items of news, subscriptions and advertisements in the hands of Mr. Manning, who, we are sure, deal with each one justly and promptly.

TAKE NOTICE!

Commencing with the date of thi issue and lasting to the first of February our cheap rate, $1 50, will be continued. The publisher's object in reducing for one month the price of the greatest race paper printed in world, is to put it in easy reach of many who desire to have it weekly, but who have felt not prepared to pay the regular price, which after the 1st of February will be $2 40 per annum. When it is considered that THE FREEMAN is a faithful and graphic compendium of the race's doings everywhere, that its eight pages (every week), are filled with choice literature, elegant extracts, strong and timely editorials, the whole interspersed with "views," "cuts," "designs" and "cartoons," from the race's greatest artists in that line, the attractiveness of our great offer must strike the dullest mind, and should be the means of placing THE FREEMAN in every family in the land. We know we have a good thing in race journals, the best and most complete of all, and we want not a part, but the race, as near as such a thing can be, to share with us the benefits of this good thing. We WANT and are DETERMINED to have NOTHING under 10,000 NEW SUBSCRIBERS by the 1st of February. The year of '93 will be a great year. The Columbian Exposition, the advent of a new patry at the helm of government, the continuous broadening out of the race's importance, are all matters that will be given THE FREEMAN's most scrutinizing attention, for the edification and benefit of our readers. THE FREEMAN is better in every respect than ever before, it rests upon a solid, firm basis, and will be conducted on the strictest business principles. Do not let this opportunity pass you. REMEMBER this great chance will be good only up to the 1st of February. Send money per postal order, registered letter or express. Be sure and state in your letter whether you desire to pay for a renewal of an old, or for a new subscription.

Four children of William Phillips living near Stony Brook, L. I., left alone in the house, were burned to death.

Four Romantic Maids Disappointed.

Last July a party of young ladies were spending the day at Plum island on the coast of rock ribbed Essex. While idling on the beach, watching the rippling waters gently kiss the pebbly shore, influenced by the surroundings, the conversation assumed a romantic turn. It was proposed to write a letter, inclose it in a bottle and cast it to the waves, where after many days it might again return.

For days afterward the young maidens indulged themselves in the fancy that mayhap some Romeo, with eyes that smacked of sunny Spain, would find their billet and return an appropriate answer.

The days, however, quickly flew, and still no tidings, until one day the welcome double knock of the postman was heard at the door of one of the signers of the letter, and the letter so eagerly looked for came. The glad intelligence was quickly conveyed to the other fair maidens, and a cluster of heads was eagerly bent over the missive.

Such formalities as "Savannah, Ga., Nov. 15, 1892," were quickly passed by, and the words "Dear Lady or Ladies" evoked a chorus of "Ohs!" "Ahs!" and "How lovely!" The writer went on to state that he had picked their messenger up Nov. 10, 400 miles from the mouth of the Savannah river. As their names had been signed to their little message a tinge of rosy red crept slowly o'er their faces when they read, "I, too, have been at the Bluffs, and have walked around Plum island and picked up shells on the rocks, and have looked over to Squam and Lanesville." "Who is he? Oh, who is he?" quickly came the interrogation from one of the fair crowd.

But they were obliged to guess, for their Romeo had signed, "Truly yours, S. C. S."—Boston Journal.

Jury Trial Abolished in Bengal.

The abolition of trial by jury in Bengal—carried out as it has been by a stroke of the pen of the lieutenant governor, Sir Charles Elliott—has created the greatest excitement and indignation throughout India, except of course in the most reactionary strata of Anglo-Indian officialism.

Trial by jury was instituted in 1862. It was one of the first and most precious steps toward the redemption of the promises made to the people of India on the resettlement of the government in 1858. That it has been an unqualified success I should be the last to affirm, but to sweep it away at a moment's notice, without reserve or qualification, without public debate or deliberation, in one presidency only, and that the most wealthy and influential, is at once an insult and an injury to the whole people of India.

That it is so felt I have abundant evidence, for I have been literally overwhelmed with communications from India on the subject, and among my correspondents are all sorts and conditions of the queen's Indian subjects. The matter will call for the attention of a Liberal house of commons at an early date, and a ministry which numbers Lord Ripon among its members will not find the proceeding easy to defend.—London Truth.

Allee Samee Chinese.

The patent office recently granted a patent on a device worthy of the ancient Greeks. It is a system of finger tapering and joint reducing bands. The idea is to make thimble shaped hands of thin and pliant aluminium in sets of various sizes to fit the fingers and thumbs, and by wearing them at night gradually produce the slender and tapering fingers so much admired by the fashionable half of the world.

The aluminium bands are provided with rings, which are crowded down on the outside so as to compress the fingers. It is said that these bands have been thoroughly tested by several of the best known ladies of fashion in Washington and New York, and they speak of them in the highest terms of praise.—Washington Letter.

A World's Fair Scheme.

A new scheme, said to be officially connected with the music bureau of the Columbian exposition, is announced. A corporation has been formed, capitalized for $2,000,000, to advance the scheme of furnishing descriptive music founded on incidents in the life of Columbus for the World's fair. A building costing $750,000, with a seating capacity of 10,000, will be erected just outside the fair grounds at the main entrance, and it is anticipated three entertainments will be given each day. Xavier Scharwenka has been selected to compose the music and has accepted the position. The chorus will consist of 500 mixed voices, assisted by an orchestra of 120 and a stage band of forty pieces. Steele Mackaye is the managing director.—St. Louis Republic.

The Horse Not Immortal.

A horse case in the municipal court recently turned on the phrase "warranted said horse to be free from decease." The defendant's lawyer filed a demurrer saying that he never guaranteed the horse would live forever. The plaintiff's attorney tried to say that he meant to write "disease," but his brother lawyer urged that as the man who drew the plaintiff's declaration was a Harvard graduate, he knew what he wanted to write when he drew the pleading. Judge Forsaith decided that as the bill stood the demurrer would hold, but that an amendment might cure any defect if it existed. This arrangement was finally made.—Boston Herald.

A Fighting Squirrel.

Out of the half dozen squirrels turned loose in Blenville park during the last few months all are still there with one exception. This exception was there until yesterday, when Police Officer Cloud dispatched him with his club. The reason therefor is that the little animal had grown to be vicious and in the past two weeks had bitten eight different persons. He would jump on any one passing through the square. He bit a little girl in the face, several gentlemen on the hand and another one on the neck. This sort of thing kept up with such alarming regularity that the police thought it best to put a stop to it.—Mobile Register.

One of Depew's Political Stories.

One of Chauncey M. Depew's political stories is as follows: The teacher of the district school up at Peekskill called up the three brightest boys in his class one day and said:

"Tom, you are a Republican?" "Yes, sir."

"And, Jim, you are a Prohibitionist?" "Yes, sir."

"And, Sam, you are a Democrat?" "Yes, sir."

"Well, now, the one of you that can give me the best reason why he belongs to his party can have this woodchuck I caught on my way to school this morning. Now, Tom, why are you a Republican?" "I am a Republican," said the boy, "because the Republican party saved the country in the war, abolished slavery and brought about the resumption of specie payments and has done everything for the good of the country."

"That's very good," said the teacher.

"I am a Prohibitionist," said the Prohibition boy glibly, "because rum is filling the jails and filling the poorhouses, and ultimately it will ruin the country, and if we could have prohibition we would not need any prison or poorhouses. Everybody would be well off."

"That is a good reason," said the teacher.

"Now what is the reason you are a Democrat, Sam?"

"Well, sir," was the reply, "I am a Democrat because I want the woodchuck."—New York World.

Merry in Adversity.

The actor out of an engagement at this season of the year hangs upon the "Strand" like the blasted fruit to the leafless orchard tree—overlooked or not worth gathering. You may know him by the shortness of his trousers, by the closely buttoned summer coat about his neck and the absence of an overcoat or the presence of one palpably made for somebody else. The jaws begin to work nervously and to look thin and hungry. Yet to hear him converse in a little knot of professionals similarly situated you would suppose that it was a matter of no moment. He is rarely gloomy of countenance, never of conversation. I have known men who hadn't the price of a glass of beer about them for days at a time who were very entertaining, and who would crack their best jokes at their own expense.

In hiding their own individual sorrows under the cloak of merry demeanor many an unfortunate is a greater actor than he would even claim to be behind the footlights. And this is saying much. But there are always clever men and women walking the streets of New York who are infinitely better qualified to entertain the public than half of their professional brethren who are drawing salaries. It is the lack of business tact or forehandedness or something aside from artistic merit.—New York Herald.

De Banville's Monument.

Theodore de Banville, the poet, has now a handsome memorial in the classic garden of the Luxembourg, which he loved so well. The monument was unveiled before an assembly of the friends and admirers of the author of the "Odes Funambulesques," the weather, although it refused to do justice to the occasion by supplying sunshine, being dry and mild. The marble bust of the bard is placed on a pedestal near the Fontaine Medicis, one of the most picturesque corners of the garden. The face is lifelike and represents De Banville in a moment of inspiration. He is either meditating graceful verses or delivering some impromptu fragment of brilliant talk to his bosom friends.

The site of the memorial is rather spoiled by the propinquity of the Rue de Medicis, and not a few friends of the poet would have preferred to see the bust in a more secluded part of the Luxembourg. The monument was due to the initiative of M. Catulle Mendes, and the funds were speedily collected—thanks to the co-operation of the department of fine arts, the different literary and dramatic associations and the Comedie Francaise.—Paris Cor. London Telegraph.

Other Fields of Anthracite.

The Baltimore American prints a letter from Mining Engineer Robert B. Allen, of Harrisonburg, Rockingham county, Va., to a gentleman in Baltimore, in which he says: "Here in the Shenandoah mountains is a vast coal field (anthracite), within twelve miles of the Valley branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and 140 miles from Baltimore, awaiting development. True, the coals are what is known as the 'Pocono, No. 9, in the column of Pennsylvania geology. Still there are three separate and distinct seams of from six to nine feet of as fine a coal as can be marketed. Time and again efforts have been made to induce capital to work these fields without success, but notwithstanding all objections raised, the fact remains the same that the coal is there, of fine quality, very accessible, and it is certain that as long as no new anthracite fields are worked just that long will consumers be at the mercy of the rapacious 'coal combine.'"

President Eliot's Views on Cremation.

In answer to a question as to whether, in view of the fact that he had some connection with the Boston Cremation society, he intended to have his own body cremated, President Eliot, of Harvard, recently said: "No. I shall not be cremated. I subscribed for a share in the corporation, but it does not follow from that that I shall be incinerated. I have purchased a lot in a certain burying ground and shall be interred in the usual manner. Still I believe that cremation is a good thing, especially in time of an epidemic, and encourage the movement."—Boston Traveller.

A gymnastic society was lately suppressed by the city council of Vienna for adopting the colors of the German empire for its own and passing a resolution to admit no foreigners except Germans to membership.

A hotel with 6,124 rooms is reported to be the latest creation among Chicago's enterprises auxiliary to the World's fair.

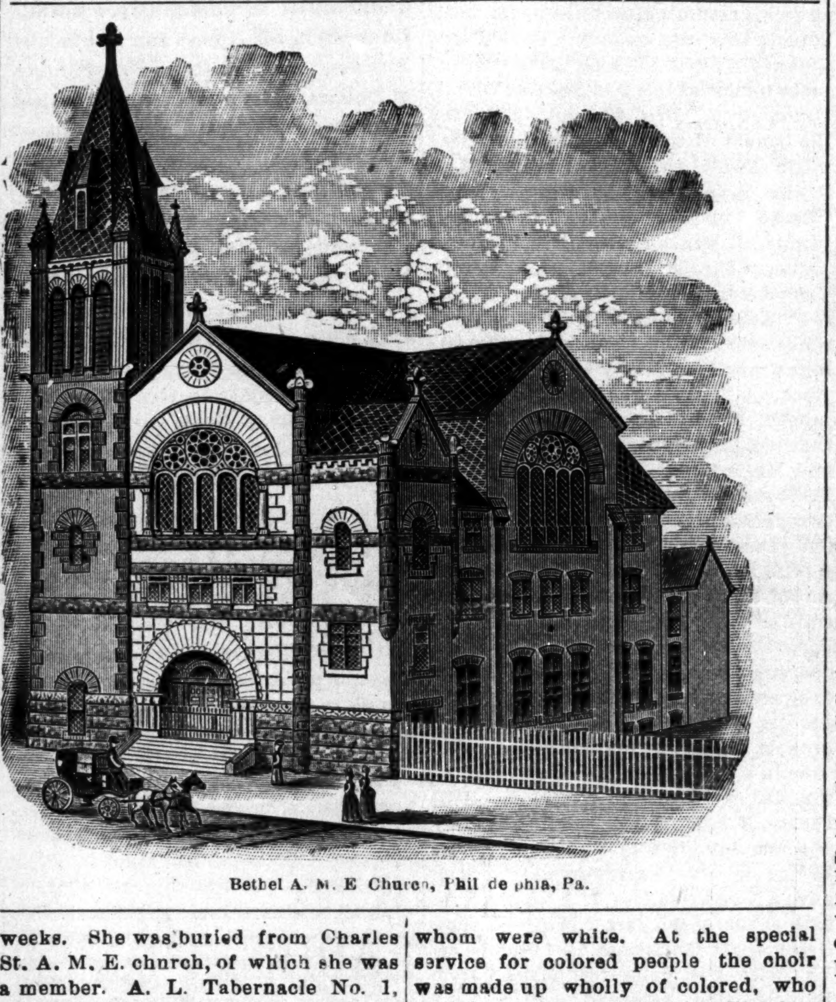
WilkesBarre, Pa.

Wilkes Barre is a city of about forty or fifty thousand inhabitants and is a prosperous mining town and has beside some eight or ten factories. There are about ten or twelve thousand Afro-Americans here, a number of whom are buying homes. There are two Afro-American churches here the Zion and the Bethel; the Zion building would be a credit to any people. The Altar Club of Bethel A M E. church held a Dramatic entertainment Jan. 2nd which netted $40 This money will be used to furnish the altar. The officers of the club are Miss Anna Downey, Treas.; Miss Hattie Logan, Pres.; Mr. Geo. Young, Vice Pres; Miss Kate Smith, Sec; and Mr. Frank Pearson Assistant Sec. Mrs. Washington Williams who has been suffering with erysipelas is better. Miss Mollie Rasper and Mr. Elija Robinson married last week and will reside in Pittston. Mrs Elsworth Downey celebrated the third anniversary of her wedding by entertaining at dinner ten of her friends. Mrs. Mary Arnett visited her sister Miss Martha Enty of Philadelphia last week. Miss Lulu Jones of Williamsport was here visiting her cousin Miss Margaret Liles Christmas Miss Clara Norman is in Pattsville visiting her aunt. Miss Emma Williams and Mr. Chas. Taylor were married recently. Miss Mary Kinslow's Sabbath school class will give a drama in Germania hall in Februrary. Mr. Levi Brown is sick.

Death's Doings.

Boston Mass., Special.

Mrs. L. S. Gales has been confined to her home for three weeks with rheumatism. Dr. P. M. Henderson is her physician. Mrs. E. Clinton is able to be out, after a severe illness of several weeks. Mrs. Henrietta Dudley died Jan. 3rd, after an illness of about two



Bethel A. M. E Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

weeks. She was buried from Charles St. A. M. E. church, of which she was a member. A. L. Tabernacle No. 1, G. U. O. of B., & S. of L. & C., of which she was also a member, turned out. Miss Catherine Cheesebrough has gone to Providence, R. I., to spend the winter. Robt. G. Shaw, V. A, held Emancipation exercises in their hall. The funeral of Edward H. Howard, one of the oldest and best known men in the city took place Jan. 14th from St. Augustine P. E. church, Rev. Father Fields officiating, burial at Woodlawn. Mrs. R. A Smith, Matron of the Old Ladies' Home, is visiting her son, the Rev. Eli Smith, president of the Howe Institute, New Iberia, La. She will remain until spring. Mrs. Caroline Bailey is in charge of the Home during her absence. The waiters of the Vendome Hotel gave a successful concert Jan. 10th in Charles St. A. M. E. church for the benefit of the Church. Mrs. Venus C. Clark arrived last Wednesday from a two weeks' visit in New London, Norwich and other Connecticut cities Elizabeth Tent No. 1, of the Order of J. R. Giddings, and Jollifee Union had installation of officers Jan. 12th, at the Lodge room. Officers were as follows: S. M, Amanda Reives; J. M., Fanny Miles; M. of C, Agnes Jones; R. S., E. J. Washington; F. S., Emma Johnson; M. of K, E A. Smith; M. of W, M. J. Epps; Usheress, Mary Garnett; Tyleress, Elizabeth Haverell, P. S. M., Martha Stratton. The Sister who at the close of the meeting, through mistake, took a black astrakhan muff, will oblige the owner by leaving it at the office of Wells Memorial Hall, 987 Washington street, or 22 Brattle street.

Plays in a White Orchestra.

Decatur, Ill., Special.

It is said some men are born great, some have greatness thrust upon them, and others achieve greatness by their own merit. The latter might be said of one of Decatur's men of integrity. That person is none other than J. W. Anderson, the popular tonsorial artist. He came to Decatur less than three years ago, opening a barber shop and hair dressing parlor, where he has continued to prosper until his trade, both white and colored, became so large that it was necessary to seek a larger room. He purchased the present site, 319 North Water street, the principal thoroughfare of the city He is also an expert with stringed instruments, such as banjo, guitar, mandolin and violin He is also a member of the Opera House orchestra (white). He has for his assistant Cyrus Randolph, who is a skilled barber. The Broom drill at the Guards Honorary Hall was a success. Mr. Scott, of Lanesville, shipped four car loads of mules from this city to Champaign county. Mr. Scott is a well to do farmer. Mrs. Matilda Wright is seriously ill. Rev. P. C. Cooper, of Springfield, was in the city last week. Misses Maggie Murrell, and Amanda Purcell, Mrs. Clara Winston and Geo. White are sick. Mr. Crabtree left last week for Evansville, Ind., to visit his family. Dales Nichens, of Selma Ohio, is here visiting his brothers, B. W. and George Nickens. Mrs. Fannie Parker, of Pittsburg, Penn., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Rhodes. Mr. and Mrs. James Long were called to Taylorville by the serious illness of their son-in-law, Chas. Steward.

Special Service for Colored People.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Special.

Not for many years have we had such cold weather as for the past few weeks. Many reports are rife as to human suffering. The Revs. Sam Jones and Geo. Steward held forth day and night at the Tabernacle for more than a week, no service having less than 2 000 and on several occasions the crowd was estimated at 6 500. About 200 were converted, most of whom were white. At the special service for colored people the choir was made up wholly of colored, who by far excelled the whites. The latter service, though said to be for the colored people, was largely attended by whites. The colored people also attended the regular service day and night and were given acceptable seats. Misses Lucy and Drucilla Buckner have gone to Chicago. The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L S. Buckner, of Alabama, was brought here for interment this week. Dr. A J. Alston returned to Oklahoma last week Don't forget the Local Lodge Insurance meeting the 5th Monday night at Friendship Hall. Princeton will send a Concert company here soon, proceeds for their public school building.

Dr. Derrick Lectures.

Springfield, Mass. Special.

The Mutual Benevolent Association held its annual meeting Jan. 4th, '93, and the following officers were elected: President, E. S. Baptist; Vice-President, Louisa Moore; Secretary, Sadie E. Fisher; Treasurer, Harriet Thomas; Chaplain, Sadie Ritter; Marshal, Archie Jacobs; Standing committee. Mrs. Mary Gray, Mrs. Rebecca M. Adams, Mrs. Rosa Paterson, Mrs. Jeanie Lee, Mrs. Jennie Lynes, W. H. Stewart and Z. C. Talbert. This Association has been organized for a number of years. Its object is to bring about a Union, extend social regard for each other and to promote moral and intellectual character. Calvin Strong and George Jennings have left for Florida, where they will spend the winter. Miss Laura Pettiford, of Auburn street, has been sick for two weeks, but is improving. Rev. W. B. Derrick, D D., of New York, lectured at the Loring street A. M. E. church Jan. 18th. His subject was, "Twenty-five Years After the Freedom of the Slaves."

Springfield, Ill.

Miss Mary Gibson has entered suit for divorce against her husband Chas. C. Gibson, the barber. Trial comes off Jan. 21st.

BILL NYE'S "OPRY."

Fun on the Road—A Classical Performance.

N. Y. World.

Last evening quite a party came by team from a small cheese town twenty-five miles away to our unparalleled entertainment. They were disappointed in it. They said they thought it was an "opry." We carry quite a line of printing, and it is showy and beautiful I must say. We have everything from little dodgers in pale pink and blue up to the three and ten sheet posters. The papers are kind to us, giving our agent desk room always while he writes the criticism of our performance, and so suburban and outlying towns at times get the impression from our air, and not from anything we state at all, that we carry thirty people and a stud of fine horses which we introduce at each performance.

So these young people residing at the cheese town had somehow got to thinking that we had an "opry." They came arm in arm from the train with bright, expectant faces to the opera house. Their eyes just danced with expectation. Our manager is to blame for all this, for his bills are alive with pictorial action. He forgets that people who are not profound expect that the "attraction" is going to place himself in all these attitudes.

THE FANCY BILLBOARDS.

The young people put up at the hotel for tea and sat in the parlor and conversed till the meal was ready.

"Play something, Madeline," said Grace, who was a large powerful girl, with tight shoes and a slight stoop in her back; but one could see by her muscular frame that she stoops to conquer, for I thought when I saw her that she was the village blacksmith, who, 'neath the spreading chestnut stands, with strong and brawny arms, God wot, and whiskers on his hands.

"Play something, Madeline," again came the pleading, yet deep, rich, manly voice of Grace.

"Oh, shet up!" exclaimed Madeline. "I'd druther talk or play some game till supper's ready. Give us a rest!" she added petulantly, for one could see that she was the spoiled darling of the cheese town and wore mauve sus penders over a draddy tay gamp.

"Oh, play something for me, Maddie!" said a tall, lithe young man with a knob on his throat, which rose and fell like the price of wheat when he swallowed. "Play something for me," he said, swallowing something with a sound that reminded one strangely of the hanging of Mrs. Surratt. "Play 'Bonaparte's March,' Maddie."

There was a wistful look in his eye, and he leaned forward toward her until she could almost feel his hot Bermuda onion breath on her cheek.

He was of a deep, passionate nature, inclined to the sanguine bilious. His father owned the livery-stable under whose auspices they had come.

"Play something for me, Maddie. Play Bonaparte's March," exclaimed the tall young man, leaning still further toward her and regarding her with a look of heart-hunger in his eyes that reminded one, in spite of himself, of one who had been searching for the open polar sea and boarding himself.

"Yes, dear," said Grace, "play something for Leonard, even if you sour on us." She then rose and escorted Maddie to the piano as Sandrow would have escorted the child wonder to the door for a good spank. Reluctantly Maddie went to the piano, and aside from the flutter of a tiny mother-of-pearl suspender button on the real brussels carpet and its low buzz as it spun across the zinc under the base-burner there was no sound. With Graee there was no monkey business.

Madeline looked up dreamily to the wall, trying to think of the piece. She then touched the keys with a technique that was like the heavy footfall of a wounded buffalo.

"My patience!" she exclaimed, looking at her fingers suddenly, "this piano ain't been swept since Adam was a yearlin'."

Merry laughter from the delegates of the rennet village greeted this sally.

The piano was poor. It was not what it had once been, and it never was much. It had been taken out of four burning hotels within fifteen years by misguided people who believed that a piano ought to be saved. It may be as well, perhaps, right here for me to admit that I believe the time is coming when pianos will be sold as one sells a good horse, for whatever it will bring. There are generally two or three people in a century who can get music out of a piano, as there is a man who can walk across Niagara Falls on a tight rope every hundred years, but there is a growing fetling among grown-up men who own pianos, and who keep them in repair, and who get nothing in return but poor playing, perpetual practice and apologies, that they will some day unite and demand some other instrument. Some day the piano will follow the aquarium, with its sour crumbs on top and its gasping little gold fish dying of malnutrition at the bottom, and they will go hand in hand into the great starless night of oblivion.

With this statement I bid adieu to good society and become a great, coarse outlaw; also glad of it and defiant.

Finally Madeline got started, with a mouthful of popcorn, and played "Bonaparte's March." All looked around proudly to see if the other guests at the hotel were pausing, awed and elevated, in the halls and corridors of the hotel, but they were not, Only one "town lady" halted near the parlor and looked at Madeline with a steady gaze and said:

"Hum! Oh, yes; she is one of the crowd from Smear Kase. Come down to see the 'opry.'" And she passed by on the other side.

They were a gentle, simple and happy crowd, and you could see by the way they joked about the rough road and how "Herman had to hold Grace in the seat to keep her from falling out," and all those little jokes, that the "opry" was only an excuse for coming, and that it was a very small part of the entertainment.

I sometimes wish, looking on such fresh and beautiful kindly joy and digestion, which only asks for employment, that I could be placed back there for a week to forget the glimpse of the sad and the bad of this world which have been the reward of my curiosity. I would not care to go back to Smear Kase and remain the balance of my life, but I could manage somehow for a week.

Oh, to shuck this false and artificial society life I lead, with its assumed gayety; its rich apparel by day and pajamas at night; its rich victuals three times a day and the widening of our circle of acquaintance, thus giving one more people to be jealous of and to strive to imitate.

Sometimes I wish that I was there at Smear Kase, a hungry boy eating everything I could overtake, from a gallon of preserves to corn in the ear. But I would have ahead of me the whacks and stumbles and jolts of maturing years! I would have to learn again to use tobacco! That makes me content to stay where I am. I would have to run again for the Legislature. The elephant has to be seen, even if he step thoughtlessly on us while we are looking at him.

Vain was the man, and false as vain who said
Where he to live his long career of life again
He'd do as he had done.

I quote the above from Sanders's Fourth Reader. We would not do as we have done, and yet that is what we would have done. Each of us is placed here for a purpose. Weakly we wander on, not knowing what that purpose is any more than the carrier dove knows, when she speeds homeward in obedience to her own blind wish to be back in the cool shade of her home, that she bears with her a message of war or peace, of love or defiance, to break the hearts of millions or to thrill with joy a thousand souls. We are as ignorant of the great policy of heaven as the average voter is of the ultimate success of the tariff tinker.

And so I watch sadly from across the hall the playing of Madeline on the accursed old rosewood feed cutter, the demon of unrest with the ghastly smile among its black and white keys looking out at you like the smile you see in a dentist's show window, where teeth can be bought as low as $4 per set.

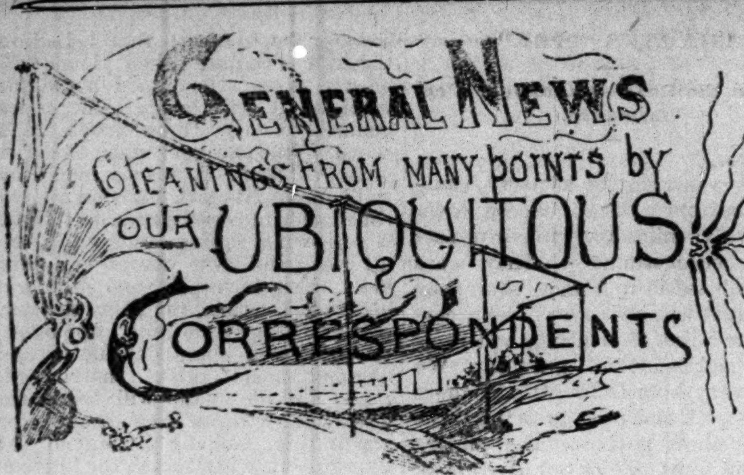
Will she be a buxom wife in Smear Kase, following the customs of her neighborhood, spanking the golden butter and six or seven boys into shape? Or will she be the wife of a rich merchant or the leader of some great movement? I do not know what she will be. I only know what she will not be. She will not be a musician of any kind whatever.

By and by they all go to the 'opry.' It is not quite what they thought it was, being more quiet and subtle, and as I heard a man about town at Fostoria say, "The persimmons were a little too high for their pole."

Hereafter we will sell "books on the 'opry,'" which will make it easy for those who wish to take our home treatment first, and thus be prepared for the "opry," which is just as classical as it can be, yet with a comic vein in it. BILL NYE.

His Prayer Answered.

A good story is told of the Rev. Webster Full, a Methodist preacher of Oklahoma. On the Sunday before the election he prayed publicly in the church that God would direct him how to cast his ballot. Early on election day he went to the polls and voted, as he thought, the straight Democratic ticket. After voting he stopped to listen to a man who was giving an out-of-door lecture on the proper way to manage the Australian ballot, and discovered to his dismay that he had voted for the Republican candidates. He hurried back to the polls and asked to have his ticket back, but the privilege was denied. For the first time in his life he had voted the Republican ticket, and his friends tell him that his prayer was manifestly answered.



Masquerade Ball.

Fort Smith, Ark., Special.

The Masquerade Ball given by the ladies of Fort Smith last Friday night, Jan. 6th, was the success of the season. It was said by several that no such refreshments as those handed the masqueraders have been served in our city. Every feature of the evening was in harmony and nothing left undone which would make the affair a success. Mrs. Prof. Steward took the leading part in getting up the entertainment and deserves special mention. The Knights of Pythias ball, during the holidays, was the most enjoyable public entertainment ever given in our city. The little folks who attended the Xmas tree at the A. M. E. church were made glad. The Emancipation Proclamation was duly celebrated at the 8th St. A. M. E. church. F. J. Rowell acted as Chairman, and W. F. Lewis, Sec'y. Prof. E. Ozra Trent delivered an address which was listened to attentively. Mrs. Hilliard read the Proclamation, after which the meeting adjourned. Mrs. F C. Long, Miss Exie Green and Miss Marilee Johnston have been elected teachers in our public schools. Mrs Joshenberger spent the holidays in the City of Roses and was royally entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Jones, whose guest she was during her visit. Rev. B. W. Wade spent Christmas with his family at Little Rock. The festivals and concerts during the holidays at the different churches were a success. Mrs. Emma McDaniel, who, owing to ill health, resigned at the beginning of the term, has resumed her old position as teacher in our public schools. Prof. Steward is very successfully running a night school at the Howard. There are thirty or forty of our working people who are taking advantage of this opportunity. The Masonic Hall on Ninth street has just been newly painted. John Johnston, the only colored painter in the city, did the work. Reed & Hensly have just opened up a first-class hotel on Garrison avenue, No. 410, thus supplying a long felt want in our city. Wallace Trammel, who is the proprietor of the "Wallace" hack line, lost a very fine barn last week by fire. Three hundred copies of The Freeman ought to be sold here every week Let the leading citizens of our city buy the paper every week. Leave your order with Johnny Lewis and he will deliver it to any part of the city. Anthony Phillips has opened up a first-class barber shop on Gar. ave. The Eleventh street trio, Misses Burnett, Hilliard and Alexander spent the holidays in the city visiting the festivals, socials and balls. Mr and Mrs. Isaac Whitman, of Little Rock, were up in time to enjoy the Christmas fun. Mrs Sam Quinley came up from Mansfield to attend the Masquerade ball. The following officers were installed last Wednesday night at their Castle Hall, Knights of Pythias: Dr. J. G. Thomas, C. C.; H. C. Ellis, V. C.; Geo. H. Miller, K. of R. & S.; Robt. Trotter, M. of F.; H. H. Saunders, M. of E.; Gage Young, P.; Steve Hill, M. of A.; Jim Williamson, Geo Lewis and E. Smith, trustees.

Wheatly, Ark.

The Christmas tree at the M. E. church was filled with gorgeous presents. The tree was valued by Rev Masley. Rev. S. A. Borum made an address which was appreciated. The presents were called off by Mr. Smith. R. C. Nunn has been ill, but has recovered, also Miss Callie Howard has recovered from a severe spell of sickness. Messrs. Dock and Miller McDaniels, of Argenta, spent Christmas there with their people. Mrs. Amanda Appleby gave a quilting during the holidays. Rev. S. A. Borum spent Christmas in Forrest City with his people. Rev. A. L. Ridgel has gone to Africa. Rev. Lewis is styled the "Young Spurgeon" of the South. Rev H. S. Graves was in the city to see Miss Lela Pryor. Messrs. Powell, Stocks and Tilly are regular readers of The Freeman. Sister Melissa Booker will go to Africa soon.

Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. M. Buckner gave an entertainment to a few friends Thursday evening. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Satterwhite, Mr and Albert Miller and their charming daughter, Miss Birdie Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Daugherty and Messrs. Geo. Smock, Alfred Shepard and Bud Miller Music was furnished by Professors Buckner and Satterwhite upon the guitar and banjo.

Reception and Ball.

Helena, Mont., Special.

Bird Lodge No. 11 A. F. and A. M. gave its first annual reception and ball Dec. 27th at Electric Hall. The affair will be remembered among the successful ones of the season. A pleasan incident was the presentation to Worshipful Master, J. P. Ball, Sr., of a keystone and gold chain by the members of Moore Chapter, of which Mr. Ball is the high priest, and the chain by the members of Bird Lodge. The presentation took place after the grand march and was made by Sergeant Gillespie, Worshipful Master of Military Lodge No. 1140 of Missoula, Mont. Sergeant Gillespie made a neat little speech referring to the good work Worshipful Master Ball had done in behalf of Bird Lodge. Mr. Ball responded in a felicitous speech. The lodge and the ladies' court marched the grand march together. Prof. L. G. Cole's orchestra furnished music. During the evening an elegant supper was served, and the members of the lodge and their many friends were out in full force and had a splendid time. Those present were Mesdames Clarke McCall, Crump, Marshall Woodcock, Johnson Alexander, Collins, Burnette, Lee, Garvey, Folkerson, Cole, Talbott, Howard, Lucas, Lollus, Misses Burnett, Howard, Crump, Bruce, Lucas, Messrs Ball, Dennell, Crump, Jackson, Simmons. Ewell, Arnett, Cole, Carpenter, Garvey, Lee. Reede, Hyskell, Scott, Brown, Clarke, Hayes, Lullus, Biggestaff, Marshall, Carmichel and many others. The St. James A. M, E Sunday School Christmas entertainment and Christmas tree given on Dec. 26th was novel and decidedly interesting. The Christmas trees, one on each side of the altar, were most beautiful and every child received a present. The trees were a mass of presents. It was an occasion delightful to both children and parents One of the most pleasant events of the season which promises so much in a social way was the whist party given at Mr. and Mrs. C. Garvey's Christmas Eve. Those participating enjoyed themselves greatly. The weather has been as low as twenty odd below zero, and the mountains are covered with snow. Edward Brooks has the rheumatism and walks with the aid of a cane. Every colored family should read The Freeman. W. J. Hyskell is taking subscriptions; give him your name. Mrs. C. Garvey anticiptaes going to New York City in about three weeks with the blind baby which she has in her charge. She will have the baby's eyes operated on; she may spend a month in New York then visit her mother whom she has not seen for twenty-five years; she also intends to meet her son, Christopher, in Paris, Ky.

At Fisk University.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.

The week of prayer was conducted by the Rev. George W. Moore, at Fisk University, during the first week of January. The meeting was real interesting and nineteen students were converted. Miss Georgia P Williams is out, after a week's illness. Miss Bettie E. Pastell returned from Hopkinsville, Ky., last week, where she spent Christmas. Miss Nannie C. Williams returned from Franklin last week accompanied by her sister, Miss Julia, who has entered Fisk University. Yonng E. Redmond has returned from his Christmas tour to Murphesboro and Franklin. He reports a nice timo. We are sorry to hear of the illness of Messrs. Thornton Gilmore, Alfred Bowling and Charley Snyder. Messrs. Dudley, J. Smith and Sammie W. Jefferson will soon be Professors of type-writing. Miss Birdie E Porter was called home on the account of sickness of her mother at Bowling Green, Ky., last week. Miss Ponder, of Los Angeles, Cal., entered the University on last week and delighted the Sophomores by increasing their number.

VanuDale, Ark.

Christmas was dull. Public school was opened last Monday by J. B. Warren. The Sunday School officers are M. Brown, superintendent; Miss Mina Brown, secretary; C March, Jno Warren, R Warren, A. J. Warren, J. W. Alridge, Mrs. L. Alridge and Mrs. M. Jackson, teachers; J. B. Warren, organist. Mr, Lightfoot was murdered northwest of here. His having enthused 1,200 persons to go to Africa was the cause.

A Young Man Dies Suddenly.

Danville, Va., Special.

James A. Stokes died at his residence in Brucetown, Dec. 28th, in his 30th year. He leaves a wife and one child, also a mother and two brothers. He was a member of Rising Star No. 126. Society of Love and Charity, also Knights of Pythias No. 30. He was also a member of the Brass Band of this city. His funeral took place at the Loyal St. Baptist church Friday, Dec. 30th. Rev. W. R. Gullen, of the Lynn St. A. M. E. Church, officiated. Mr. Stokes was not a member of any church. He was an industrious young man and liked by all who knew him. His death was a surprise, as he was on the street Xmas eve. He was a great friend of The Freeman. Mrs. W. H. Jones spent Xmas in Lynchburg, Va., with relatives. Henry Hegans and lady spent Xmas in this city with her parent, A. Mortan, Monroe street. A. Mortan has the finest barber shop in the city, in the Hotel Burton. His outfit cost $1,800 C. T. Henderson has opened up a barber shop in Central Alliance warehouse, Union street, the finest in the city for colored. Mrs. Minnie C. Stovall spent Xmas in New York City with her husband Mrs Willis Collaway spent Xmas in Baltimore, Md., with her son. J W. Payne is spending a few weeks in the city with his family. Prince Borneo, of Africa, lectured at the Lynn St. A M. E. church Monday night, Dec. 26th The church was crowded to its utmost capacity. His lecture was very interesting. He advised the intelligent Afro-American of this country to go to Africa. Rev. W R. Gullen preached a special sermon the first day of January, 1893, to the old members of his church who are not able to attend church. He employed vehicles to bring them to church, something that has never been done in this city before The Mount Calvary Baptist Church gave an entertainment at the Odd Fellows' Hall, Union street, Dec. 26th and 27th, for the benefit of the Church. The Dramatic Club of this city, of which Mrs. S. R Buford is Manager, played "Bread upon the Waters," both nights, it was a success. The Mount Calvary Baptist Church tried to rent True Reformers' Hall from the janitor, S. P. Adams, to have preaching three times every Sunday and prayer meetings every Wednesday evening in each week, and he charged them $18 00 per month, because they are the faction that left the High St. Baptist Church, and Mr. Adams is in favor of Rev. J. F. Barksdale's course. We hava had two doctors in this city for the past five years, Drs. D. A. Robinson and S. B. Hill, now we haven't any. Dr D A. Robinson died in November, 1892, and Dr. S. B. Hill has moved to Lynchburg to live. So Danville is a good opening for two good doctors, and a drug store. I guarantee if two good doctors come to this city, and attend to their business, they will make a fortune in a few years. Dr. D. A. Robinson did well, also Dr. S. B. Hill Plenty of colored people here and they will employ you if you come. The Holbrook St. Presbyterian Church gave a Xmas tree Dec 27th for the Sabbath school scholars. Mrs. Nancy Green spent Christmas in Petersburg, Va., with her daughter, Mrs. Carrie Daniels. She returned well pleased with her trip. W. W. Morris is smiling, his wife presented him with a fine baby boy two weeks ago. James Holland is still very ill at his residence, 516 Patton street. The agent of The Freeman was asked to a reception given at Mrs. Joe Ward's, Dec 30th The table was laden with the delicacies of the season, and we had a good time. The ladies present were Mrs. Ada Harper and sister, of Mount Cross, Va., and others of which space forbids to mention. A child of Mrs. Melissa Peters, who lives in Jacksonville, was shot Dec. 24th by one of his playmates, during a quarrel about a trifle. The marriage of Miss Nellie Lewis and Willie Reynolds took place at the Loyal St. Baptist Church Thursday night, the 5th of Jan. Rev. W. R Gullen, officiated Edward Garland spent Xmas at Leaksville, N. C, with Mrs. Ella Broadnax. Mrs. Melvina West and her sister, Miss Mary Colston, spent Xmas in Petersburg with their mother and other relatives.

Georgetown, Ky.

William Casterling and Miss Nancy Richardson were married December 22nd at Bethel A. M. E. church, Rev. B E. Sterrett, of Charleston, officiating Mesdames Ruth Gibbs and Lizzie Washington have returned to Charleston, S C., after spending the Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Abram Buckington. Rev. Samuel Washington has been appointed pastor of the Bethel A. M. E. church of this city. Jas H. Gray went to Charleston during the holidays. L. A. Wineglass has returned from Charleston, S. C. Miss Dianah A. Buckington has returned to Sampit to reopen her school. The Freeman is the best paper published in the interest of the race. It should be in the home of every Negro. Jos. Tum is home from the North. J. T. Knox is at Gourdines, S. C. W. E. Wescourt has gone to Rhem, S. C. Mrs. Hagar, an old and respected lady, died recently. Subscribe for The Freeman, only five cents a copy.

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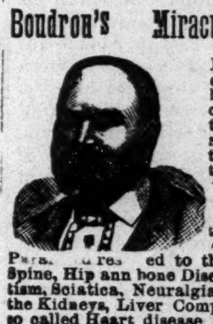

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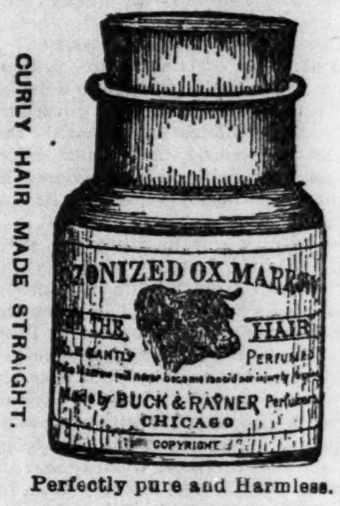

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Rev. C. A. A. Taylor and wife have returned to their home in Florida.

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The Chicago club proposes to build a hundred thousand dollar club house.

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William Chancellor, Sr., a well to do citizen of Chillicothe, O., died recently.

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Rev. G. H. Jackson, of New Haven, Conn.. is soon to leave as a missionary to Africa.

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Peter Postell, of Hopkinsville, Ky., is said to be the richest colored man in Kentucky.

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An Afro-American named Lewis will be a member of Harvard's foot ball team this year.

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Two Afro-Americans gained a high percentage in an examination in pharmacy at Louisville, Ky.

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Hon. W. W. Ferguson, of Detroit, is the first Afro-American to hold a seat in the Michigan Legislature.

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Four children of William Phillips, living near Stony Brook, L. I., left alone in the house, were burned to death.

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Entertainments given at St. Louis in December for the benefit of the orphans netted the handsome of $400. A wealthy distiller added to this a gift of $50.

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Seven hundred colored people met at San Antonio, Tex., and subscribed for 112 shares at $10 each in the Afro-American Steamship and Mercantile Club.

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The white brakemen at Kansas City, Mo., employed on the Missouri Pacific, have banded togeth to oust the colored train porters running on that road.

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Gov. Brown, of Maryland, granted a respite to four of the men condemned to be hung December 13th at Chestertown, Md., for the murder of J. H. Hill.

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Dr. Frank Johnson, a young Afro-American, recently graduated from a Columbus, O., medical college, acquitted himself creditably as an insanity expert in a criminal case at Cincinnati.

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Eph. Williams, the only member of the race engaged in the circus business, was married December 28th' 92, to Miss Rhoda Black at Oshkosh, Wis. Mr Williams owns 103 trained horses beside other trained animals.

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Emanuel Cherry, colored, a tramp who claims Brunswick, Tenn., as his home, was found almost frozen in a box car at Indianapolis last week He was removed to the city hospital, where it was discovered that his hands and feet were badly frozen.

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I. N. Jackson, an attache, of the Detroit Plaindealer, has been appointed a clerk of the state board of auditors; also John W. Price, for many years pressman on the Detroit Journal, was appointed to the position of clerk in the Secretary of State's office.

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Exciting scenes prefaced the hanging of four of the eight men hanged for the murder of Dr. J. H. Hill at Chestertown, Md,, Friday, Jan. 13th A posse of 250 men guarded the jail to prevent the lynching of the respited four.

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The Hon. E. W. Thompson, ex-Minister to Hayti, and Hon. John H. Smythe, ex Minister to Liberia, and appointees of ex-President Cleveland, have gone to law over a real estate deal. Mr. Symthe was arrested, charged with obtaining money by false pretenses, but was released on bail.

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The Georgia Legislature passed bills last week to pension disabled Confederate soldiers which will require $330,-000; to pay widows of Confederates, which will take $270,000 A bill to appropriate $15,000 to furnish the Confederate home is before the House, while another bill to pay with artificial arms and legs has been filed. Nearly a million dollars to Confederate veterans and the Afro-Americans will pay one sixth of this tax.

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Charles Nash was murdered near Gold Hill, Va , by his son Silas. They quarreled about his (Silas) mother going to Manchester to visit her daughter, and after the father had gone to bed he knocked him in the head with an ax. He then put the body in a wagon and hauled it some five miles and threw it into the corner of the fence.

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A striking illustration of the business tact of the Afro-American is furnished in the case of Henry L. Sanders, of Indianapolis, proprietor of a gent's furnishing store and manufacturer of all kinds of waiters' outfits. Mr. Sanders began business about three years since in a small room, employing only one seamstress and soliciting and dispensing his workmanship by canvassing He now employs four girls and for the closing year December 31st '92 did a business amounting to upwards of $5,000.

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In the United States court at Madison, Wis , Dec 30th, the case of Wetherby vs. Winslow was taken up. It involves forty acres of land at South Superior worth over $12,000 an acre, and the question of the right of a Negro to pre-empt land prior to the adoption of the constitutional amendment giving him full rights of a citizen. Bell, a Negro, pre-empted the land in 1856, but the general land office set aside the claim under the decision of the supreme court in the Dred Scott case. Wetherby, the plaintiff in the present action, claims title under Bell.

John W. Curry, of Washington, D C., the first colored mail carrier appointed in this country, is still in service, having entered the service as an assistant some twenty-seven years ago For the past fifteen years he has served the "executive section," having carried the Treasury Department mail for several years, and being now on duty about Lafayette Square.

Fight for a Fortune.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.

The circuit court of this county is engaged in the trial of a case involving the claims of white and colored persons to the large estate left by Matthew Cox, who died about six years ago. Immediately after the war Cox married a handsome quadroon girl named Rosa, who had been his mistress and slave. To make sure of the legality of the marriage he had the ceremony performed both in Tennessee and Mississippi. Not long before his death be made a will leaving the bulk of his fortune to his colored wife and the remainder to his niece, Mrs. A. C. Brewer, whose husband was named as executor. Brewer administered on the estate, and not many months after he had gotten its affairs straightened up Mrs. Cox made a deed conveying to him for a nominal consideration her share of the estate in trust for her little daughter, of whom the colored woman was very fond. Subsequently the widow was wooed and won by Burrel Randolph, a stalwart colored policeman, who, when he found out about the conveyance, brought suit in chancery against Brewer to recover the property, alleging undue influence. He won the suit, and the property was restored to his wife Two years later Mrs Randolph died, leaving her estate to her husband and the pastor of her church This will Mrs. Robinson, the mulatto daughter of the testatrix, is contesting in the courts, also on the ground of undue influence. Last of all comes Mrs. Brewer into the circuit court with a petition to have the will of her late uncle set aside on the ground that he was unduly influenced by his colored wife to make her his heir while of unsound mind

Steals his Bride.

Lebanon, Tenn,, Special.

It has been one year since you heard from this part of the vineyeward Lebanon has a high school with Rev. J. R Inmann, principal. The school opened September 12th in Odd Fellows' Hall. It is a success so far. Christmas was the event of several run away marriages The most notable was a very young couple, Master Eddie Manson and Miss Belle Wharton. Mr. Manson resides now in Lafayette Ind. Owing to the youth of the girl he thought he would have some difficulty in getting her, so he secured the services of two men of the town to go out and steal her. They armed themselves that they might face all danger and started for the home of the girl, about four miles from town, enquiring of every one they met as to the chance of getting her. When within about two miles of the house they met John Davis, a brother-in-law of the girl, who informed them that the old man was at the big gate with a Gattling gun and the old lady was in the barn loft with a pitch fork. So Robert Gordon informed his friend, Mr. Muehead that they were not well enough armed to face the enemy, and thought it best to return and reinforce. The last attempt was made by the father and grandfather of the groom, who drove to the house and stated their purpose to the old man. He told them the girl was in the house. and while the mother left the room, Rev. B. B Manson made his grandson and Miss Belle Wharton man and wife. The reception was well attended at Mrs. C. V Officer's. They left Saturday evening. Space forbids mention of the presents.

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Baltimore, Md.

The gentlemen of Madison Street Presbyterian church tendered the ladies a reception recently. Sharp Street church had a brilliant festival during the holidays. Miss Emma Washington spent New Years in the city. Rev. I S. Lee has returned from a trip to South Carolina. Rev. D. Washington visited friends here recently. Ebenezer A. M. E. church had a fair during the holidays. Johnnie Dickinson spent New Years with his parents and friends. Miss Gertrude White spent New Years in Philadelphia. The Omaha Assembly and York club gave their first promenade soiree at the Monumental assembly rooms Monday evening Jan-9th.

Union City, Tenn.

G. W. Montger, of Columbus, is visiting Mrs. G. W. Lee. Tom Jones, of Trenton, is in town seeking his pension. Mrs. H. D. Russell gave the Odd Fellows a dinner on the 29th. Matt Bridges is sick. Rev. A. A. Hill, of Columbus, Ky., passed through on the 4th en route to Louisville. Hon, P. F. Hill has gone to Dresden, Tenn., after his printing outfit. Miss P. J. White is visiting at Obion. W. B. Martin has returned from Trenton. Matt Morris has retured from Meridian, Miss. J. G. Greer, the transit stove repairer, has opened a branch office at Nashville. Prof. K. A. Howard, of Fulton, Tenn., was in the town on the 5th Matt Hill, our finished lawyer, has quit for more money. Mr. and Mrs Jefferson Freeman are sick, Prof. Davenport will continue his music and vocal classes until next summer. G. W. Lee has returned from visiting his parents.

Fayetteville, Ark.

Program Emancipation Proclamation Jan. 2nd '93: song by choir, "Great God of Nations;" prayer, Rev. H Moore; reading Emancipation Proclamation, Miss Jennie McC.; song; annual oration, Rev. Seth Neal; song; "We Must Educate," Miss Elmira Pettigrew; song; Robert Lewis, "The Colored Man of America; "Last Words of John Brown," Miss Jennie McCullough; "Africa or America for the Negro, Which?" Miss Susie Pettigrew; song; "Africa and the Negro," Miss Jennie McCullough; song; solo; "Our Dead Heroes;" "The Boys," Miss Cora Patterson; song; address by Rev. R D. Dunbar; song. Prof. G. H. Hill has a great interest in the welfare of the race. He was the general manager of the Emancipation Proclamation. He took great interest in decorating the church and many other good deeds. We owe him much gratitude. Grant Crane is in the city.

Terre, Haute, Ind.

One of the best street car systems in the West is in Terre Haute. T. E. Guthrie has returned from a trip to Indianapolis to see his friends and relatives Rev B. I. Coleman, pastor of the A. M. E. church, observed the week of prayer. Prof. S. W. Stewart is instructor and leader of one of the best orchestras in the city, and leader of the best choir in the state. Rev. B I Coleman anticipates a great revival at Allen Chapel. The election of officers for the Sunday School took place January 1st. While we are pleased with the new superintendent, yet we hated to give up the o d one, Prof. Joseph Jackson Go to John L. Evans for a good meal, 307 Ohio street.

THE FREEMAN HOTEL DIRECTORY

The purpose of this column is to keep the traveling public informed of the whereabouts of first-class stopping places in the different cities where Afro-Americans can be accommodated. It is mutually beneficial to the public as well as to the keepers of hotels and boarding houses. THE FREEMAN aims to place none but first class places in this Directory and feels free to recommend them to its 100,000 readers. Send us your card. Send for our prices.

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City Paragraphs.

Fine winter; cold; whew!

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Rev. Jamison went to Chicago last week.

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In the future Miss Stella Fisher will reside in Chicago, whither she has gone.

There will be a grand concert at the Ninth Presbyterian church February 2, 1893.

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Beasley's soup house, on the canal, catches many a stray nickel these cold days.

Linzy James has joined the Messrs. Franklin Moss combination, 161 Indiana avenue.

The meanest man—the one who croaks because he can't be the head of everything.

Rev. I. Tolliver, from Texas, is in the city to assist in a revival at one of the churches.

The churches were nearly empty last Sunday; too much frigidity for the average church-goer.

Miss Lilly Hill and Allison Walker are the two colored graduates from the High School, Feb. 3rd.

Methodist Ministers' Union meets every Tuesday morning at the parsonage, 214 West Vermont street.

Mrs. E. W. S. Hammond, wife of Dr. Hammonds, has improved somewhat; she can walk about the room.

Mr. and Mrs. William Collins entertained a few friends last Thursday, the 12th, at their North Indianapolis home.

Miss Cora Murril, deaf and dumb, of Cincinnati, visited Miss Daisy Murphy last week. Miss Murril is a compositor.

In case of accidental or sudden death telephone Fitzhugh 1072, at once, day or night. We assume all responsibility.

T. W. Clemmens, hailing from Cairo, Ill., is in the city; he comes for the purpose of arranging a Knight Templar body in the Knights of Tabor.

The Methodist ministers met at the Bethel A. M. E. parsonage Tuesday and discussed a paper on "Sanctification" which was read by Rev. Taylor.

The funeral of Mrs Hall took place at her residence, No. 35 Center street, Tuesday, Jan. 16th, Rev. Maurice Lewis and Theophilous Price, officiating.

The Daughters of the Sacred Heart gave a reception to the Chief Deputy Mentor at Odd Fellows' Hall, Jan. 14. There was a fair attendance and everything went off pleasantly.

The Ninth Presbyterian literary Monday evening was a mere routine, the weather being an impediment to the usual respectable attendance. Something good for the coming Monday.

William Franklin, of 66 N Missouri street, has refitted and refurnished his lodging house, and is now open for the public generally. Everything first-class. Prices, 75 cents and $1.00 per week.

Mrs. Dallia Hall, of No. 35 Central street, departed this life Jan 14th, '93 She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Rachel Thompson and Maria Crosson, and a number of grandchildren to mourn her loss.

Rev. O. A. Williams, of the Ninth Presbyterian church, will preach tomorrow at 11 a. m. from St. Mar. 4:28; Subj; "Progressive Religion." At 7:30 p. m. from St. Matt, 9:3; Subject, "He was Known by His Work."

Daniel Hunter, well known here and now foreman of the composing room of the American Baptist, Louisville, Ky., spent a few days in the city this week. Daniel is the printing instructor in the Kentucky State University.

The Terpsichorean Annual Ball brought to the city several out-of-town people, among the number being Miss Mamie Pettiford, of Franklin; Miss Celia Bass, of Connersville; also William Keelum and the Misses Louise and Stella Brooks, of Knightstown.

Messrs. Hunt and Rubie Shelton, who are now in the East, are gaining in popularity as stage performers They scored quite a hit in Philadelphia a few days since

The following persons registered at the Smothers House this week:
James Williams, Omaha, Nebraska;
Charles Hubbard, Cincinnati, Ohio;
T. W. Alexander, Nashville, Tenn.

Nature has not been as grateful to all of us as we would like. Sometimes we are deformed it body or in mind and variously distorted. No part of the human body is of any more service than the eye, and in general it is "the window of our souls." The firm of A. B. Barker, M. D., & A B. Barker, Jr., M D, No. 4 West Washington street, can remedy the defects of nature. Cross eyes made straight, granulated lids and cataracts are removed; in fact they are scientific eye physicians; none better and none like them. If the eyes of your children are defective and rather out of the line of nature see them, consult them.

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Thomas Register and Geo. Jasper have joined hand and money and will carry on a poultry business, buying and selling. Being men of energy, pluck and large acquaintance, there is no reason why they cannot succeed in this line.

Ministerial Alliance.

The Ministerial Alliance met at the regular hour at the Second Baptist Church, Rev. T. W. Clemmens, of Cairo, Ill., president.

REPORTS.

Second Baptist Church—Sunday-school, moderate Rev. I. Tolliver, the Texas evangelist, preached at 11 a. m., 3 p. m. and at 8 p. m Protracted meeting in progress; forty arose for prayer. Collection, $18 15.

First Baptist, Bellmont—Rev. P. Boone conducted services at 11 a. m, also at 7:30 p. m. Protracted meeting in progress

New Bethel—Sunday-school, attendance 42, collection $1 00 Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor, at 8 p. m. by Rev M. C. Elzy. The Y. P. S. C. E. at 3 p. m. Protracted meeting in progress. Collection, $9 82.

Ninth Presbyterian Church—Sabbath-school at 2:30 p. m, attendance 45, collection 43 cents. Preaching at 11 a. m. by pastor, congregation favorable Business meeting at 7:30 p. m. of Elders and Trustees.

Mt. Zion Baptist—Sunday-school at 9 a. m., attendance 40, collection 60 cents. Preaching at 11 a. m and at 7 p. m. by pastor, additions one; collection $7.60.

St. James Baptist, Haughville—Prayer meeting at 3 p. m., collection 20 cents.

Olivet Baptist—Sunday-school at 10 a. m, collection 20 cents. Preaching and prayer meeting at 3 p. m. Pastor preached at at 8 p. m, subject, "Duty of the Members to the Church." Collection $4.90. John A. Preston, pastor.

Dr. I. Tolliver, the Texas evangelist, was present at the Ministerial Alliance.

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On Wednesday, Jan. 25th, the C. H. & D. R. R. will sell special excursion tickets to DeLeon Springs, Fla, 99 miles south of Jacksonville, on the J. T. & K. W. R. R, on the occasion of the Annual Convention of Spiritualists, at the extremely low rate of $25 35 The natural surroundings of this famous Springs afford ample opportunity and divertisement to the Health and Pleasure seeker. Tickets are good returning till May 31st, allowing 15 days for stop-over privileges on the return trip Sleeping car space can be secured at our office, corner Kentucky avenue and 111 street. For further information call on or address H. J. Rhein, Gen'l Ag't C. H. & D. R R, Indianapolis, Ind.

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WHEREAS, He has chosen a new field of labor; we recognize a divine influence, in the circumstances which have induced him to sever his connection with this church, and the people of Mayfield, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Dr. Ballard by courtesy and by purity of life, example and doctrine, and the faithful discharge of his duty, has secured the love and confidence of this church and people, which goes with him to his new field of labor, and that while in accordance with his wishes on the 10th day of Jan, 1893 his idenity with Fairview Baptist church will cease.

Therefore, we, the members of Fairview Baptist church and citizens of Mayfield, do cheerfully recomend him wherever the hand of Providence may direct him and ask for him success.

Done in behalf of Fairview Baptist church, Jan. 8, 1893. Committee: F. Emerson, D. E Thurman, A Hale, Jas. Tuck, S. A. Mayes U. S. G., Geo. Bowden, W. S. Thompson, W. H. Fox, B. D. Pastor.

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Harrodsburg, Ky.

Thomas Utley was surprised last Sunday with a fine ten pound boy. Dr. C. M Wade visited Danville last Sunday. Owing to inclement weather Rev. Silas Crutcher has not been to his charges for several Sundays. Miss Annie Jordan is convalescing. J. G. Crutcher returned from Louisville last week. Bennie H. Crutcher is convalescent. Joseph Hanks was poisoned by drinking beer Saturday. The doctor says he will recover. Albert Mitchell was knocked in the head with a bottle of whiskey by Homer Boston. Willie Bridges was in Danville Wednesday Put your horse up at Thomas Smith & Erwins Livery stable. Miss Mattie Barber is able to be out. Willie H. Crutcher was in Danville last week Miss Ella Sullivan is at home from her school but will return Monday. The Benevolent Society has elected new officers and will start under a new head this year. Subscribe for The Freeman before Feb 20th for $1 50 after which it will be the regular price. Pay 5cts a copy Some have owed for their paper since July 10th.

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I. N. Jackson, an attache, of the Detroit Plaindealer, has been appointed a clerk of the state board of auditors; also John W. Price, for many years pressman on the Detroit Journal, was appointed to the position of clerk in the Secretary of State's office.

THE CHRISTMAS FREEMAN.

EDITOR FREEMAN—Your holiday number is superb and deserves the highest commendation
PROF. W. S. SCARBOUGH,
Wilberforce, Ohio.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:—
In my estimation your Christmas number of The Freeman is a soul inspiring appeal to the young Negro to lay hold on present conditions, and lift himself to the level of the most exalted. The means are pointed out in no uncertain manner. It is superb.
S. H. JOHNSON,
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EDITOR FREEMAN—The wise and conservative manner in which The Freeman is being issued by its able editor and staff has beyond a doubt made this paper the most valuable and leading Negro journal of this country. Its grade of literature and artistic features are good to repletion. This paper out to be read by every reading Negro family in this and other states if possible
REV. P. M. LEWIS,
Kokomo, Ind.

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EDITOR THE FREEMAN—Your Christmas edition of The Freeman to hand. I have read its columns carefully and have given more than usual attention to this week's issue. The development of Negro journalism has been a special study of mine for a number of years. As there are men and men so there are papers and papers. The Freeman stands to-day among Negro newspapers as Gulliver among the Lilliputians.
O. M. WOOD,
St. Louis, Mo.

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EDITOR FREEMAN:—
Having given the Christmas number of The Freeman a thorough examination, I take this method of saying to you that it is in my opinion a paper well worthy of all the pains you have bestowed upon it I would that a copy of it were in the hands of every colored youth in America. We need just such papers in our families to educate and encourage us in our great fight against poverty, proscription and race caste in the United States. May God and the people aid you and cheer you on your way
JOHN P. GREEN,
Member Ohio Senate.

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EDITOR THE FREEMAN—The Christmas number of The Freeman came to me on time and I read it with pleasure and profit. It is a valuable improvement on former issues in many particulars, particularly in the absence from its columns of the pointless and senseless caricatures of the race, or small illustrations, which heretofore too often marred its beauty. The Freeman is well edited and the correspondence and general news is of a high order. With the compliments of the season and best wishes for many years of prosperity and happiness, I am yours very truly,
P. B. S. PINCHBACK,
Washington, D. C.

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EDITOR THE FREEMAN—The Freeman surpasses all of your previous holiday numbers and is quite worthy to be called a "Christmas Beauty." Please accept my many thanks for the compliment you paid me in your galaxy column on my article, "The Road to success for the Negro." It is an honor which no young man should fail to appreciate. I know of no better way to show my practical appreciation than to enclose $1.50, for which send The Freeman to my address for 1893. Long live The Freeman I wish you a happy New Year and 10,000 more new subscribers.
A P. FLINN.
504 West street, Emporia, Kan.

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EDITOR OF FREEMAN—I think I may say that your Christmas number is without a rival in the history of Negro journalism. I count myself happy to have any article of mine deemed worthy of a place among the excellent ones with which you were supplied, and can but be sensible of how little its omission would detract from the paper. In fact, I realize that The Freeman is of the Negro and for the Negro, and as long as it maintains its present normal and religious tone together with its general excellence I can not afford to be without it.
D. F. RIVERS,
Clarksville, Tenn.

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To the EDITOR of THE FREEMAN:—I am in receipt of your Christmas number of 1892 of The Freeman and am delighted with its contents. The sound advice to be found in the timely letters of Hon Frederick Douglass Peter H Clark, Hon. John M Langston and others deserve reading and re-reading by the race. * * * * Education is our bulwark. We must get education. Industry is our lap-stone upon which we beat out a future destiny Let us try and come together and act unitedly. This is our greatest struggle. Our progress can be increased by this atcion, and there is no more potent factor in this than the press. A happy and prosperous New Year to The Freeman
HON. D. AUGUSTUS STRAKER,
Circuit Court Commisioner,
Detroit, Mich.

Greensboro, Ga.

The Sunday School of St. Paul Presbyterian Church had a New Years tree; recitatione and songs by members of the school. Springfield Baptist church gave an entertainment on the evening of Dec. 26th. A Christmas tree and concert were the exercises. Prof. R. Hudson,, of Warrenton, Ga, spent the holidays here.

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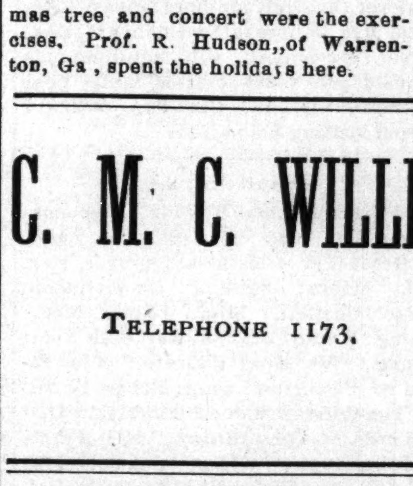

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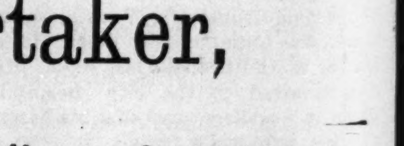

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